



Secretary of State testifies to US House committee

Shultz kept in the dark on Iran arms deal

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, said he had been shocked to discover that the US ambassador to Lebanon had been secretly involved in the White House arms shipments to Iran without telling him or the State Department anything about it.

ous conversations" with Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the dismissed NSC assistant, and General Richard Secord, a former Pentagon officer involved in fund-raising for the Contras.

then destroyed on his orders according to standard practice at the Beirut Embassy. But he assumed there were copies at CIA headquarters or at the White House.



Could you tell me what it is that Shultz didn't know?

Quoting a message from the ambassador, Mr Shultz said Mr Kelly had been briefed in Washington in July or August by Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Council advisor, on "hostage negotiations involving arms to Iran as an inducement".

Tomorrow Saying nyet to Moscow

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE On international human rights day, Caroline Moorehead reports from the Soviet Union on the refusniks who put themselves at risk in order to oppose the Kremlin leaders

Portfolio Gold The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared yesterday by three readers: Mr B. Dehn of Surbiton, Surrey; Miss K. Ades of London, N.W.1; and Mr W. Akers of Farnham, Surrey. Details, page 3.

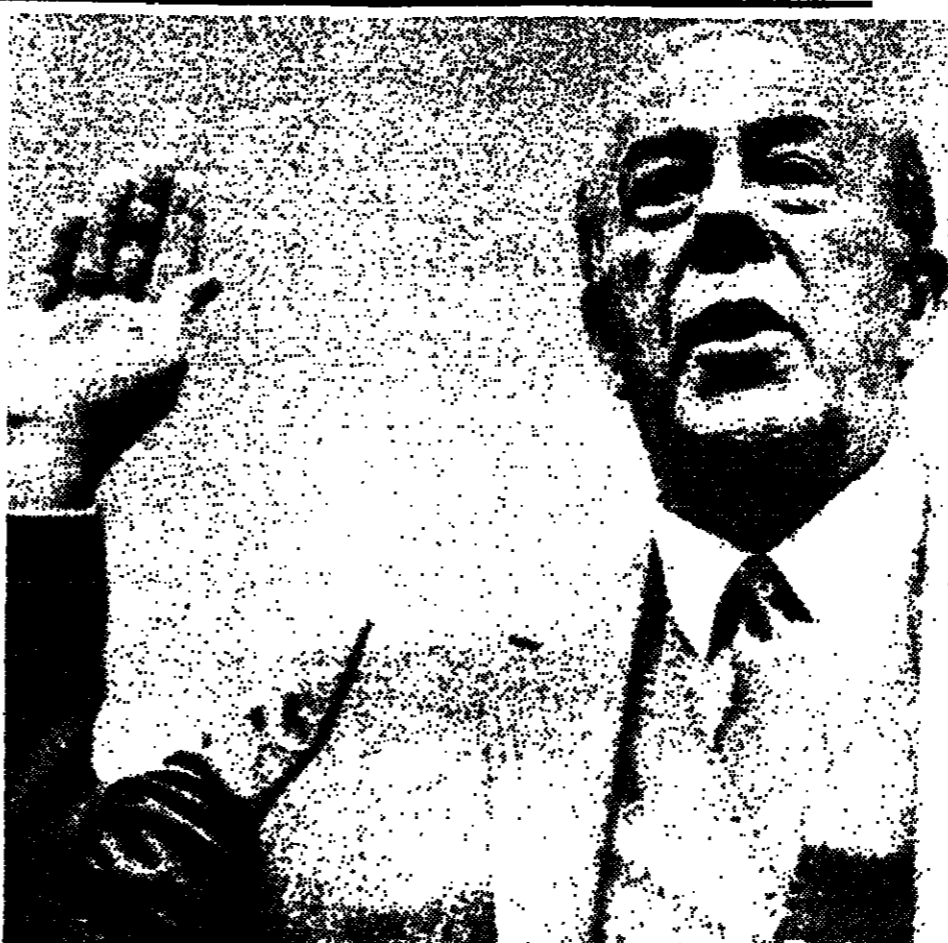
TIMES BUSINESS Industry hit Industry's material and fuel costs jumped by 2.3 per cent last month, mainly because of higher electricity tariffs. But higher electricity tariffs, prices charged by manufacturers rose by just 0.2 per cent

Glass battle Pilkington, the world's largest glassmaker, hit back in the contested £1.2 billion takeover bid by the industrial conglomerate BTR with a 76 per cent rise in half-year profits to £87 million

TIMES SPORT Telford's fear Telford United, one of only four non-League clubs still in the FA Cup, are viewing next month's visit of Leeds United's hooligan supporters with apprehension

New stadium On Sunday, Bradford City football team play a memorial match at their rebuilt stadium, 18 months after the fire in which 55 people died

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Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, taking the oath as he prepares to testify before the House foreign affairs committee in Washington yesterday.

Baker Bill set to impose settlement in schools dispute

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter Bargaining between the teachers' unions and their local authority employers has failed schools, Mr Kenneth Baker said yesterday as he introduced the Bill giving him unprecedented powers to end the current dispute and determine pay and conditions for the next four years at the least.

Crown to give up immunity

By Richard Evans Political Correspondent Britain's armed forces will soon be allowed to sue the Crown in personal injury cases, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, announced last night.

Sid makes a profit of 25%

After a nerve-racking week watching the vacillations of the grey market, millions of Sids up and down the country breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as shares in British Gas opened at prices well above what many had expected.

MP forces Militant showdown

Mr John Ryman, the Labour MP for Blyth Valley who is demanding an investigation into his local constituency party, will have a showdown meeting with Labour's national agent today before deciding if he will carry out his threat to force a by-election.

Driver banned before trial

A motorist alleged to have driven a car at high speed with a policeman on the roof was yesterday banned from driving until his case comes up for trial.

Architect's surprise victory heralds a new era

Mr Rod Hackney, regarded by the architectural establishment as an outside contender for the prestigious and influential post, enjoyed a comfortable majority of 5,972 votes to 4,210 over Mr Raymond Andrews, the Institute's official nominee.

Chirac gives in to students on university bill

In an attempt to defuse an increasingly explosive situation, M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, has announced the Government's decision to give in to student demands to withdraw the whole of its controversial university reform bill.

M René Monory, the Education Minister, announced last night that there would be no reform of the lycées or universities in the foreseeable future. He said he would set up a national committee to study the development of universities and the lycée-university interface during the next 10 years.

As thousands of students marched silently through the streets of Paris yesterday in memory of the dead student and in protest against alleged police brutality, student leaders expressed their determination to go ahead with tomorrow's mass demonstrations and to extend their protest movement to include proposed reforms for the lycées (grammar schools).

M Chirac said that "no change, however necessary, of the universities can be properly carried out without the broad support of all the interested parties, notably the students and the teachers. It can only be carried out in a situation of calm."

Pretoria to deport British professor

Mr Stoffel Botha, the South African Minister of Home Affairs, yesterday served a deportation order on a British professor, Mr Philip Bonner, of the University of Witwatersrand, without giving reason.

Pincher could face Secrets Act charges

The Government is considering prosecuting Mr Chapman Pincher under the Official Secrets Act over his contact with Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 agent, Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, said last night.

Advertisement for 'Christmas presents' featuring a 'Chinese Wok Set' priced at £8.95, with details about availability and contact information for 'habitat'.



Mr Rod Hackney: fed ideas to the Prince of Wales.

to make his profession more relevant to present needs, especially in answering the plight of Britain's inner cities, a cause which the Prince of Wales has espoused with enthusiasm but for which he has been attacked on the grounds of impracticality and crankiness.



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merely electing to stand on an anti-establishment ticket against the Institute's preferred candidate he destroyed the smooth progress of Buggins' turn and forced an election.

NEWS SUMMARY

Scargill foe leads rebel pit union

One of the men who helped to defeat Mr Arthur Scargill during the miners' strike became general secretary of the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers yesterday. Mr John Liptrout, aged 50, succeeds Mr Roy Lynk, who was elected unopposed as president.

TV show censured

Two complaints against the BBC TV consumer programme Watchdog have been upheld by the Broadcasting Complaints Commission. The complaints concerned a programme broadcast in 1985 about Mr Tony O'Shea, a disabled Birmingham jeweller, whose insurance claim over stolen jewellery was repudiated by Lloyd's because he failed to disclose a conviction for receiving a stolen camera.

£1.1m in car sale Royal firs for sale

Christie's sale of Benz, Daihler and Mercedes motor cars at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, yesterday was a success and a failure. It made £1.1 million, but half the cars remained unsold, including the most valuable offering, a 1933 Mercedes-Benz 300K Special Roadster.

Sikh murder charges

Armed police surrounded Lambeth Magistrates' Court, south London, yesterday, when a man aged 31 was remanded in custody until January 5, accused of conspiring to murder two prominent members of the Sikh community in Britain. Garzaal Singh, a shop worker, of Tottenham High Road, Tottenham, north London, faces charges of conspiring with others to murder Sohail Singh Laddar at Luton, Bedfordshire, and Tersem Singh Toor at Southall, west London. He is also charged with having a revolver without a firearms certificate.

Lords tighten up consumer Bill

The Government is expected to be forced to change radically the Consumer Protection Bill in the House of Lords because of two loopholes (Sheila Gunn writes). As the Bill stands, victims of tragedies, such as the thalidomide drug and the Chinook helicopter crash, may not be able to sue. The peers gave a clear warning last night during the Bill's second reading debate that they will fight to widen the consumers' rights. Among those who vowed to

change the Bill were Lord Allen of Abbeydale, an Independent peer, and Lady Burton of Coventry, for the Social Democratic Party. They had the backing of Lord Williams of Elvel, Labour's trade and industry spokesman. The consumers' lobby has been campaigning to remove from the Bill the "development risks" defence, which allows manufacturers to claim that the state of scientific and technological knowledge was such that a defect could not have been discovered.

British soldier's arrest leads to inquiry

By Richard Ford. The British and Irish Governments have ordered detailed reports into the arrest in the Irish Republic of a British soldier engaged in a joint cross-border security operation. The soldier, serving with the Grenadier Guards, was part of a "hot pursuit" search for Provisional IRA terrorists who mortar bombed an army observation post near the border, on Saturday. Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said yesterday that the soldier was arrested and held in detention by Irish police in Co Louth. He was detained for five hours at Dundark Garda Station but was later released. That incident and an alleged second incursion into the Republic by a British Army foot patrol at Courtbane, Co Louth, on Sunday, were raised by the Irish Government at the thirteenth meeting of the Joint Anglo-Irish Ministerial Conference in Belfast yesterday. The British Government believes that the conference - and secretariat services it provides - offer the best method of dealing with such incidents, which can develop into local diplomatic disputes.

The two men flew into the grounds of Stormont Castle by helicopter and in brief scuffles with a large number of officers from the Royal Ulster Constabulary, who were guarding the grounds, two people were arrested. One of them, Mr Jim Wells, a former member of the Democratic Unionist Party, who is serving a two-year suspended sentence of six months for disorderly behaviour, is to appear at Belfast Magistrates' Court this morning. The protesters shouted "traitors" at the officers and urged them to be loyal to the Crown, rather than Mr Barry. Mr Paisley said: "I believe the British Government has capitulated and that Mrs Thatcher is on the run as far as Dublin is concerned". He said "loyalists" were not prepared to play her game and make the agreement a law and order issue. An Irish tricolor was burned and Mr Paisley, imitating President Reagan's slogan said, "you ain't seen nothin' yet". Mr Harold McCusker, Official Unionist MP for Upper Bann, was yesterday ordered to pay a rates demand for £594 at Craigavon Magistrates' Court.

The editor of the newspaper complained that it had not been notified of the inquest until a few minutes after it started and when a reporter tried to attend he was refused entry to the hearing. The Devon and Cornwall police later issued a memorandum to all staff emphasizing that when acting as coroner's officers, it was their duty to inform the media of the date of inquests. In another case cited to the Home Office, the editor of the Windsor Express complained that a coroner in East Berkshire held an inquest in private. He asked the relatives in for an "informal discussion" and then held the inquest. A Home Office working party recommended in 1976 that the press should not have a special position under the Coroners Rules. But it recognized it was more difficult to find out about inquests than other court hearings and urged guidance to be given to coroners encouraging them to ensure the press was informed. The editors' guild says that guidance was not being followed in all parts of the country and "the only solution would be for there to be a statutory requirement on coroners to make the press and public aware of the proceedings in advance". The guild also calls for the rules to be amended so that coroners are obliged to see that all relevant documentary evidence is read out in full. "There have been occasions when it was not possible to report properly an inquest because of the lack of sufficient information, failure on the part of the coroner to read sufficient of the documentary evidence, or, in some cases, a general lack of co-operation on the part of the coroner," the guild says.

Bae given boost by Airbus sale to Japan

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent. British Aerospace received a big boost yesterday with the announcement of a contract for the sale of 10 A340 Airbus to All Nippon Airways of Japan. But the future of the Airbus, designed to challenge the supremacy of Boeing in long-haul jet fleets, will hang on a decision of the board of Swissair, due to be taken in Zurich in the next few weeks. The Swiss national airline will choose between the European Airbus and the American-designed McDonnell Douglas MD 11 to replace its existing long-range fleet. Both Airbus Industrie, in which BAE has a 20 per cent stake, and McDonnell Douglas are stepping up the sales pitch in a bid to clinch an agreement. Airbus proposals increase the size of the A340 to add another 35 seats and match more nearly the size of the MD 11, nine of which have been ordered by British Caledonian. In talks yesterday with Mr Geoffrey Fattie, Minister for Industry, British Aerospace pressed for an early indication on whether the Government would provide £750 million to help it launch the aircraft.



Mr Powell (left), man at the centre of the new race controversy, and Dr David, the lecturer who claims he has been victimized, at the college yesterday (Photographs: Tim Bishop).

European airlines will be under government pressure to buy the Airbus

which is regarded as vital to the future of the European aircraft industry. But the Government made it clear that it was not prepared to earmark such a large amount unless firm commitments had been received. Airbus is relying heavily on orders from Swissair and Lufthansa, the West German airline, to give the aircraft the boost which is needed. But those have not been forthcoming because both airlines have been worried, as was British Caledonian, that the Airbus is little different in size from the existing DC 10-30 and that it will be at least 18 months later than the rival MD 11 in taking to the skies. It is also understood that the council has ordered Dr David to be paid an immediate salary increase of £2,500, backdated to three years. The education committee will be asked to set up a disciplinary sub-committee, as it did in the case of Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the headteacher of Sudbury Infants School. Mr Powell, who strenuously denies the racism charge, has

Brent race inquiry into new teacher

By John Clare, Education Correspondent. Brent Council, in north London, was yesterday at the centre of another dispute over allegations of racism in the borough's education system. Dr Ellis David, an Anglo-Indian lecturer in mathematics at the Willesden College of Technology, complained that the head of the science department, Mr Gwyn Powell, had discriminated against him by denying him promotion. Brent council said it had investigated the matter at the request of the college's governors and found that, prima facie, there was a case to answer. It is also understood that the council has ordered Dr David to be paid an immediate salary increase of £2,500, backdated to three years. The education committee will be asked to set up a disciplinary sub-committee, as it did in the case of Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the headteacher of Sudbury Infants School. Mr Powell, who strenuously denies the racism charge, has

Decisions not based on facts

By David Sapsted. The left-dominated board of governors at Willesden College has voted to allow Brent council to investigate allegations of racism against the head without hearing either the facts or knowing the names of the individuals involved. Mr Roy Innes, vice-chairman of the governors, admitted yesterday that no details of the case were known when the board met to discuss it last week. "We heard from the director of law and administration at Brent council and he urged that the matter be handed over to the education department," he said. "It was not simply a question of racism but also of pay and promotion." Mr Innes, nominated as a governor by Brent Trades Council, said. The only Conservative appointed to the 35-member board of governors, Mr Alan Kemp, said last night that the Court of Appeal decision allowing the council to hold its own hearing on the case of Miss Maureen McGoldrick had proved the decisive factor. "The left are just proving they can do what they want in Brent, just as they have in Liverpool," he said. "The principal and head of department agreed for 10 years that this man (Dr David) did not deserve promotion, and that should have been the end of it."

Brokenshire favourite for controller job

Mr Peter Brokenshire, the director of management practice at the Audit Commission, is emerging as favourite to take over as controller from Mr John Banham, who will leave in March to become director general of the Confederation of British Industry (Our Political Reporter writes). The commission has hired a head-hunting agency, but members are understood to be keen to appoint an internal candidate. A special selection committee will draw up a shortlist of about five before Christmas.

Tests continue on family found dead

By David Cross. The magazine Private Eye, still smarting from the damages imposed after Mr Robert Maxwell's costly libel suit, suffered a new blow yesterday when the country's two largest news wholesalers decided not to distribute Christmas editions designed expressly to replenish its coffers. To add insult to material injury, W H Smith and John Menzies said they intended to distribute up to 600,000 copies of a spoof edition of the magazine, called Not Private Eye, to be published tomorrow by Mr Maxwell's Mirror Group Newspapers, and a book about the trial called, Malice in Wonderland, to be published next Monday. Both companies said yesterday that their distribution of the Christmas fund-raising edition, which features a three-page article on the trial, had been barred on the advice of their lawyers. "It was made perfectly clear to us that if we handled this edition it was liable to lead to litigation," Mr David MacKay, wholesale managing director of John Menzies, said. It is understood that the main objection of the lawyers was that the account of the trial was too biased in favour of Private Eye. About 95 per cent of the article deals with evidence submitted by supporters of the irreverent fortnightly magazine. Mr David Cash, managing

Private Eye special issue banned

director of Pressdram Ltd, which publishes the magazine, said that the ban on distribution would cost the company about £5,000 in extra revenue. Another six smaller wholesalers, with sales of about 20,000 in the South-east had followed suit, he added. The special issue, sales of which were expected to total at least 240,000 copies, costs £1 compared with a normal cover price of 45p. The case cost Private Eye a total of about £255,000 in libel damages and legal costs. "I am very disappointed that the two companies are not handling the magazine as their retail outlets are a very important part of the sales network," Mr Cash said.

Driver hurt in print convoy ambush

By Tim Jones. A convoy of lorries travelling towards the News International plant at Wapping, east London, was yesterday ambushed by men hiding near a bridge parapet on the A2 near Gravesend, Kent. The 10-vehicle convoy was hit by large lumps of flintstone, one of which smashed through a windscreen. The driver was hurt by broken glass. The attack came only days after Mr Wyn Jones, London's assistant police commissioner, gave a warning that somebody would soon be killed unless there was an end to violent behaviour on the picket lines and elsewhere. The police disclosed that more than 1,300 people have been arrested and 394 officers injured as a result of violence during the dispute, which started in January. The police said of the latest ambush: "This attack was extremely dangerous with potentially lethal consequences". Since the dispute began, police have collected a substantial arsenal of weapons from former employees of the company and their supporters who have often attempted to halt production by laying siege to the plant. Weapons have included cartridges, broken bottles, nails welded together, catapults with ball-bearing ammunition, golf balls painted black so they cannot be seen at night, crowbars, iron spikes and boards with six inch nails driven into them to immobilize lorries leaving the premises. In addition, scores of people have been arrested for ob-

struction, drunken behaviour, abuse and other public order offences. Away from the plant, individuals have been subject to a wide range of intimidatory tactics, ranging from death threats to having unwanted builders' skips delivered at their houses. Some print union supporters have made determined efforts to discover where individuals go for lunch so that they can be followed. In one of the most serious incidents, Mr Christopher Warman, property correspondent of The Times, was hit in the face with a beer glass. His attacker, Robin Shirfield, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for unlawful wounding. During some of the demonstrations outside the plant, the print union members have been supported by extreme left wing organ-

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# Child accuses doctor of raping her as she slept

By Michael Horsnell

A girl aged nine, with butterfly clips in her hair, whispered to a jury yesterday about the night she said she was raped by a doctor while she slept at his home.

The fair-haired girl, whose mother had left her in the doctor's care while she stayed in hospital to look after her epileptic son, in August last year, sat beside the judge as she gave evidence at Chelmsford Crown Court.

In a scarcely audible voice she said: "He was doing something he shouldn't have been doing. I was scared of what was happening. I was half asleep and half awake. He did something which was wrong, which hurt me."

The next day, counsel for the prosecution alleged, the doctor showed the girl, then aged eight, a gun and threatened to shoot her to discourage her from talking.

When the mother confronted him, he allegedly replied: "She is probably being raped at this very moment. Eight or 18 she knew what it was all about and deserved what she got."

The mother has brought a private prosecution, paid for by *The Sun* newspaper, after a decision by the Director of Public Prosecutions not to institute proceedings.

The doctor, an anaesthetist from Essex, denies raping the girl, between August 10 and 17 last year, and indecently assaulting her.

Judge Greenwood removed his wig and told counsel to remove theirs before inviting the girl to give evidence sitting beside him.

The defendant was told to leave the dock and sit at the back of the court as she did so.

The girl, dressed in a cotton dress told the judge that she understood the importance of telling the truth before she gave evidence.

Questioned by Ms Patricia May, junior counsel for the prosecution, she declined to use two dolls to indicate to the jury what had happened to her.

Instead she wrote on a piece of paper, which asked what had happened, the words "he raped me".

She told the court that she had not screamed or called the doctor's wife because she was frightened she would be smacked for making a fuss about it.

Questioned by Mr Anthony Aridge, for the defence, she said that she had learned the word rape from her mother.

Mr John Matthew, QC, for the prosecution, said the doctor came into the room as she

slept, sat on her bed and removed the duvet before having sexual intercourse.

He left her with a torn hymen and psychological damage which resulted in a change in her character.

The girl had stayed with the doctor and his wife in February 1985, and when she went there again, in August, she was supposed to stay for only two days before moving on to her grandparents' home.

Her mother, who has two other children and was divorced in January 1985, regularly telephoned from the hospital, in Oxford, but when she rang the child's grandparents on the third night, she discovered she had not arrived.

When she rang the doctor's home, she was unable to speak to her daughter. The doctor told her that she was asleep and unavailable.

She telephoned her boyfriend who picked her up from the hospital and then collected the girl from the doctor's house the next day.

Mr Matthew said: "The change in the child was noticed almost immediately. She was very quiet, she did not want to talk about her few days away, unusually for her, and she followed her mother about the house and did not want to be alone."

"There was something else which struck her mother's attention. When they got home she put all her clothes including her nightdress in the washing machine which she had never done before and tried to start it, but it did not start."

The mother removed the clothes and noticed they were soiled with blood and a white stain which she took to be phlegm. Though it crossed her mind it was semen, she was angry with herself to think such a thing and put the clothes back in the washing machine thus destroying what could have been important evidence.

At a holiday camp in Kent with her mother, the boyfriend and her two brothers, the girl continued to behave strangely and was "almost like a different child," withdrawn and tearful. She refused to wear dresses or skirts and returned the then cleaned nightdress to her suitcase after unpacking.

She had temper tantrums, refused to allow her grandfather near her or to bath with her brothers and suffered nightmares. Eventually her behaviour led her mother to take her to the family's GP.

The case continues today.



Mr Bill Gray checking on Mr Keith Charlton (left), Mrs Rosemary Charlton and Mr Bob Jackson (Photograph: John Rogers).

## Three in £4,000 share-out

Three readers shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Bruce Dehn, aged 78, a solicitor, of Surbiton, Surrey, has played Portfolio Gold regularly since it started. "I am quite delighted to have won," he said. "I shall drink an awful lot of Bollinger champagne, put some of the winnings aside for my only grandchild, and use the rest for my retirement."

Miss Karen Aides, aged 43, a film distributor, of north-west London, said she was "very happy" to have won a Portfolio Gold share.

"I checked the numbers three times and wondered how many other winners there would be," she said.

Miss Aides said that she would spend her winnings on Christmas celebrations. "And if there is any money left over, I'll go on holiday next year."

The other winner is Mr William Akers, aged 84, a retired engineer, of Farnham, Surrey.

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Mr Bruce Dehn, celebrating with champagne.

## Jailed mother's case goes to appeal

Margaret Livesey, a mother of three serving a life sentence for the murder of her son aged 14, asked the Court of Appeal to free her yesterday.

She was convicted at Preston Crown Court in 1979 after confessing to police, although she later claimed Alan was killed while she was with friends at a public house near by.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Simon Brown, have been asked by the Home Office to examine the evidence on which she was convicted. It comes after an investigation by the BBC *Rough Justice* programme.

The court was told by Mr John Rowe, QC, for Livesey, that inconsistencies in the evidence which the programme had highlighted in 1983 made her conviction "unsafe and unsatisfactory".

A neighbour found Alan's stabbed body at the family home in The Crescent, Bamber Bridge, Preston, in February 1979.

Livesey, aged 50, disputes the time put on the death by police. She also challenges the evidence of witnesses and her own confession and claims she was denied the opportunity at her trial to challenge certain evidence.

The hearing continues today.

## 'Patients barred' claim Dentists accused over Aids

By Craig Seton

Some dentists are refusing to treat patients suspected of being at risk of catching acquired immune deficiency syndrome (Aids), it was claimed yesterday.

The West Midlands Regional Health Authority, in a report on the disease, said hospital dental departments were having to deal with increasing numbers of patients because of the "reluctance" of dental practitioners to treat them.

It claimed that appeared to be because such patients were

"perceived as carrying a risk of human immunodeficiency virus infection," which caused Aids.

The report, which urged the creation of an Aids task force for the West Midlands, did not specify which high risk groups were being turned away by dental practitioners.

However, the claim was doubted by Mr Norman Webb, assistant secretary of the British Dental Association.

He said: "There is no evidence of any patient or

dentist catching Aids as a result of dentistry and, although it might have been true six months ago, I am not aware of any dentists refusing to treat patients for that reason."

He said that the profession had held a working party on Aids and issued guidelines, recommending dentists to treat all patients as suspected carriers and wear gloves, goggles and face masks.

Of the 548 Aids cases in England and Wales, an estimated 12 have occurred in the West Midlands.

## Candlelit lunch date in a cell

A gourmet who expected a gastronomic treat when a friend invited him for lunch ended up in a police cell.

Mr Bob Jackson's crime was to fall victim to a practical joke by his host, Mr Keith Charlton, a regional director of Wimpey Construction. Mr Charlton, of Oakley, Bedfordshire, paid £50 in a charity auction for lunch for three at his local police station, the money going to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Yesterday Mr Charlton, Mrs Rosemary Charlton, his wife, and Mr Jackson, were waited upon by Mr Bill Gray, an assistant chief constable.

## Man accused of murders is remanded

A man charged with the murder of three young women and four counts of rape was remanded in custody for 24 hours yesterday.

The former railway carpenter aged 28 was handcuffed to a police officer when he appeared in the dock at Guildford, Surrey.

He was accused of murdering Miss Marty Tamboezer, Miss Alison Day and Mrs Anne Lock, and further charged with the rape of four teenage girls over a two-year period.

Miss Wendy Magency, counsel for the prosecution, asked for the remand in custody, "in order that certain other inquiries could be conducted".

She said: "At the end of that period he will be brought back before this court and again I anticipate a further application for remand in police custody at that stage."

The man did not say anything and nodded in reply to his name.

Miss Barbara Hopkin, counsel for defence, did not oppose the application. "I will reserve any opposition until tomorrow," she said.

## Corrupt power chief attempted suicide

A former power station chief who has admitted corruption said to have cost the Central Electricity Generating Board £250,000, almost killed himself, a court heard yesterday.

Mr Franz Muller, QC, for the defence, told Teesside Crown Court that Mr Kenneth Atkinson made an attempt on his life during the summer but was deterred by his second wife Frances, who is among 11 other people with him in the dock.

Mr Muller said Atkinson had lost everything, and would inevitably lose the company of his wife, who he married in 1984, and their two young children "for a very considerable time".

Atkinson, aged 54, of The Highlands, Brompton, North Yorkshire, was suspended from his job as maintenance superintendent and third in command at North Tees Power Station in 1982.

He has pleaded guilty to 28 charges of conspiracy, corruption and theft.

His wife Frances, aged 39, who was stores supervisor at the power station during that period, has admitted two charges of theft and one of conspiracy.

One of the other 11 people

in the dock is Atkinson's former boss, friend and private business associate, Geoffrey Varley, aged 62, a former plant manager, of Leven Road, Yarm, Cleveland. He has pleaded guilty to four charges of corruption.

Another businessman who has admitted to corruption charges is Thomas Kidd, a retired former director of R W & T E Kidd, of Portobello, Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, one of the contracting firms which carried out work at the plant.

Kidd, aged 61, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and six charges of corruption.

When Judge Stroyan asked Mr Roger Thorne, defending Kidd, how many cash payments his client had made to Atkinson, he replied there had been seven separate occasions when he had given him £300.

Mr Thorne said without those "favours" work would not have been provided at the plant, and R W & T E Kidd depended on the Central Generating Board work for its viability.

He emphasized that there was no suggestion the company had complied with the corrupt activities.

The case continues today.

## Crisis in NHS pharmacies

By Jill Sherman

Hospital pharmacies throughout Britain are having to cut services because of a critical shortage of pharmacy staff.

The shortages have forced some hospitals to cut back on inpatient services and to stop issuing drug prescriptions to outpatients. Safety checks on drugs prescribed on hospital wards have also been cancelled.

One hospital has estimated that its annual drugs bill will increase by at least £40,000 because of the extra costs of prescribing through a local pharmacist, who charges a pharmaceutical fee and is unable to dispense cheap hospital bulk get rates. Russell Hall Hospital, Dudley, West Midlands, closed

its outpatient pharmacy service last April. In spite of repeated advertisements for more staff, the pharmacy has a 40 per cent job vacancy rate.

"Pharmacy staff are opting for the higher rates in the private sector. A basic grade NHS pharmacist earns about £8,000. Down the road, at the high street chemist, he can earn between £12,000 to £14,000 with a car thrown in," Mr Ronald Pate, the hospital's principal pharmacist, said.

Other hospitals which have faced serious difficulties over the past few months include: The Victoria Hospital, Blackpool; Ipswich Hospital; Saint Cross Hospital, Rugby, Warwickshire; and St George's Hospital, Tooting, and St James' Hospital, Balham, both in south London.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain said yesterday that the pharmacist shortage was due to poor salaries and a lack of a career structure.

The problem had been exacerbated by impending regulations to restrict the number of chemists given dispensing rights. "The Government has been sitting on the new regulations for more than a year. The result is a huge mushrooming of chemists, an extra 400, getting in before the clampdown, and they have attracted more hospital pharmacists," the society said.

Family practitioner committees yesterday criticized plans by Charing Cross Hospital, west London, to stop issuing drug prescriptions to outpatients.



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Bill's changes essential for schools, says Baker

TEACHERS' PAY

There must be a resolution of the problems of the schools on terms promising an early return to the past standards of commitment and professionalism...

schools, perhaps in the inner cities. The structure which the employers and some of the unions would now seem to favour would have a cost well beyond the amount he had announced on October 30...

His door remained open to discuss the position with other employers and he hoped that an improved and affordable package could be arrived at quite soon.

Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education: We might have been able to get agreement if, at every stage, he had not tried to undermine it.

Mr Baker: Providing an extra £2.4 billion over a four-year period and an extra £3.4 billion over a five-year period could not be described as undermining. They are the necessary sums which should have led to agreement.

Any change in the position must be within the amount he had set out. It was substantial money and was entirely reasonable when one considered the heavy demands on the public purse.

Support for the Acaas unions was down to two unions and the position could not have been more inaccurately described by the National Union of Teachers in the advertisement in national newspapers today, except that they had spelt his name correctly.

The employers and unions were divided. The long, dreary history of the negotiations and the years of disruption to children's education meant that he could not stand by and trust that all would come out right in the end...

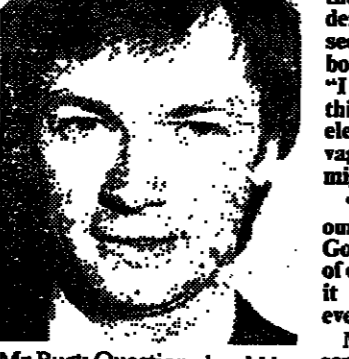
Mr Edward Taylor (Southend East, C) sought an assurance that Mr Thatcher would not agree to a supplementary budget in 1987. Every single reform measure in the CAP had brought only more subsidies and more production.

Embryo research

Tory MP wants early Bill

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

A Conservative MP is launching a new attempt to ban the use of human embryos in scientific research.



Mr Burt: Question should be resolved before election. He said the question should be resolved before the general election. Because he is so low on the list Mr Burt's Bill would have no chance of success without government support...



Sir Anthony Meyer (left): Too many retirement homes being built. Mr Roy Hughes: Let locals decide the issues. Mr Mark Robinson: Issues considered fully and fairly.

Delay on finances inevitable

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, said during the exchanges after the Prime Minister's statement on the EEC summit that it was inevitable that the looming budgetary crisis had been avoided until after a general election...

Thatcher avoids giving EEC budget assurance

The Prime Minister avoided giving any assurance that there would be no supplementary EEC budget next year, though pressed to do so from both sides of the House.

Being questioned after making a statement on the London EEC summit, she said that the Government would "strain against" such a supplementary budget, though she admitted that the Community could be running out of money towards the end of next year.

Need for concerted action to protect citizens

On the first, she said that inflation in the Community was expected to fall to 3 per cent in 1987, the lowest level for 20 years.

Foreign ministers had discussed the problems of the Middle East and the Iran-Iraq war and emphasised the importance of maintaining contact with the Gulf states.

Housing appeals worry MPs

PLANNING

Concern was expressed by several MPs during Welsh questions in the Commons about the number of cases where planning permission had been refused by a local authority and then appealed.

Mr Brynmor Jones (Pontypridd, Lab) said that one case involved the Secretary of State's overturning the decision of a planning authority about an open-air market.

Mr Mark Robinson, Under-Secretary of State for Wales, said that it was a statutory requirement on local planning authorities, the Secretary of State and his inspectors to consider each case on its merits.

Mr Hattersley had argued that nothing was really achieved on jobs. The Government's plans for practical elements contained in the council's approach was completion of the internal market of which 32 internal measures had already been agreed or adopted since July.

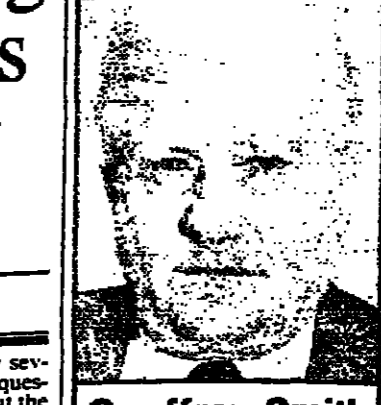
Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, was urged by Mr Raymond Powell (Ogmore, Lab) during Commons questions to advise industrialists in the South-east to get on their feet and go to the valleys of Wales.

Mr Gordon Brown (Dunfermline East, Lab) made an unsuccessful application for an emergency debate on the threatened loss of jobs at the Rosyth dockyard and the future of naval work there.

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COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

A swift glance at reports of the London EEC summit might well induce a sense of weary familiarity. A low-key, moderately successful meeting is widely seen as the prelude to a stormy Community year in 1987...

Beneath the surface, yet always liable to affect what happens on the surface, there is a constant potential division between the north and the south.

That is still a factor. With the German elections to be held next month, it had been appreciated that nothing much could be done about agriculture last weekend.

It is their objections which seem likely to present the greatest obstacle next year. They are not opposed to reform of the CAP in principle. There is general agreement that something needs to be done about the ludicrous surpluses that have been building up.

Running parallel with this controversy there is another on reducing economic inequalities within the Community. The favoured means of doing this is by directing more resources from the regional and social funds to the less developed areas.

It would be too simplistic to portray all the north Europeans as eager to develop the internal market, with the elimination of the remaining barriers to trade within the Community, and all the south Europeans as dragging their feet.

But in general it is the south Europeans who are most nervous about the ability of their industries to compete. Their anxieties are likely to grow if they are not compensated by receiving more money from the regional and social funds.

All of this adds a new complexity to the already complicated pattern of Community politics. There has always been some conflict of interest between the north and south, the rich and poor members.

Disquiet on clergy expenses

A protest that low paid clergymen had to resort some of the contents of their own pockets was made in the Commons by Mr Peter Bruniavels (Leicester East, C) and a member of the Church of England General Synod, Sir William Stewart (Southdown, C) Church Estates Commissioner, agreed that they had to meet 16 per cent of expenses fairly incurred and that was too high.

Charge for tours of House attacked

A Conservative MP's suggestion that a charge should be levied on members of the House of Westminster was greeted with immediate Labour protests and was described from the Opposition front bench later as ludicrous.

Debate on Rosyth is refused

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Parliament today

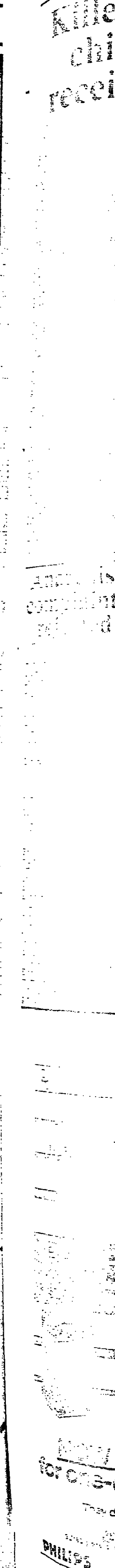
Commons (2.30): Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, second reading. Lords (2.30): Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, second reading.

But Mr Burt, who drew fourteenth place in the ballot for private members' legisla-

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# Killer who terrorized child during siege receives life sentence

Errol Walker, a self-confessed killer, was jailed for life at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for murdering a mother and attempting to murder her daughter during a siege in west London last Christmas.

A jury rejected Walker's plea that he was suffering from diminished responsibility when he fatally stabbed Mrs Jackie Charles, aged 22, during the 29-hour siege.

Walker, aged 29, had admitted the manslaughter of Mrs Charles on the ground of diminished responsibility, but denied murdering her and attempting to murder her daughter Carlene, aged four.

He knifed the girl on three occasions, causing "sickening" injuries. They were "monstrous attacks", Mr Justice Allott told him.

Walker took the hostages when he went to Mrs Charles's flat in Poynters Court, Northolt, west London, to give Mrs Marlene Walker, his wife, and their daughter, Patricia, Christmas presents.

Mrs Walker and Patricia had moved there after a split with Walker, the court was told.

When Mrs Charles told him he could not see Patricia, also aged four, and that Mrs Walker had gone to call the police, Walker climbed into the flat.

Fifteen minutes later he stabbed Mrs Charles through the neck and hurled her body through the window. He demanded that the police should let his wife into the flat.

When his demands were

refused he turned on Carlene, threatening to cut, maim and kill her.

As Police Constable Rafi Landi pleaded with him to release Carlene he hacked her fingers down to the bone.

"Walker refused offers of bandages for her," PC Landi had told the court.

At one point Walker dangled Carlene from a third-floor balcony by her vest. He also tied her up, smashed a police radio against her head and threatened to inflict gruesome, fatal wounds, the court was told. He knifed her in the arm.

Carlene was rescued and the siege ended when armed police stormed the flat using sledgehammers and stun grenades.

PC Anthony Long climbed through a window to see Walker holding Carlene above him with a knife at her neck.

PC Long shouted: "Drop it, you bastard!" When Walker did not, he shot him in the back of the head. Walker slumped, leaving the 10-inch knife sticking from the girl's neck.

As he was taken to an ambulance Walker allegedly told police: "Why didn't you finish me off? I really deserved to die."

Mr Justice Allott yesterday praised the police action.

"The intervention of armed police is happily still a rarity in this country," he said, then commended PC Long for his restraint and the "fortunate outcome".

The judge asked PC Landi to step forward in court and told him: "You are a young officer, a credit to the force".

Mr Christopher Barnett, for Walker, told the court his client felt deep and sincere remorse for what had happened.

In 1983 Walker received a five-year jail sentence after admitting his part in seven armed post office raids in London and gave evidence against other members of the gang.

Mr Barnett told the court: "As a former supergrass, his time in prison now will be particularly lonely and unpleasant".

Although he had recovered from an operation for the bullet wound in his head he was partially blind.

The court was told that Walker was born in Jamaica and came to Britain to join his parents when he was aged 10. His father frequently beat him with a hosepipe for minor misdemeanours.

Dr John Hamilton, medical director of Broadmoor Hospital, said that Walker was mentally handicapped.

Although Walker has two other children by different women, he married Mrs Walker in September 1982, while serving his earlier jail sentence.

He was devoted to their daughter Patricia, who is physically handicapped after an operation to amputate both legs.

Last night, police said that Carlene had physically recovered from her injuries although it was too early to assess any emotional damage.

She is living with her maternal grandparents.

# Gas share rush aids Christmas post delay

If your Christmas cards are a little slow getting there this festive season - blame SG.

That at least seems to be the message from the Post Office, which is facing the task of processing a record number of items, after the rush to apply for British Gas shares.

The Post Office yesterday revealed that it expects to pressure over the biggest yet mail run in its 350-year history, with more than 1,200 million seasonal items delivered by Christmas Eve.

With applications and replies for the record-breaking British Gas share sale adding to the enormous volume of mail, it is appealing to the public to post parcels and cards earlier than the recommended deadline.

To some extent the message appears to have reached its target, because the Royal Mail has reported an earlier than normal start to the seasonal rush, with more than 60 million items of mail handled daily at the beginning of December.

Well-laid plans to cope with the annual onslaught have already been implemented and no big problems are anticipated, but the Post Office does not want to take any chances.

It said: "Some 10 months of preparation means that the Royal Mail is fully geared up to deal with the rush."

But with so much extra mail around this Christmas, it would be a big help if cards get into the post well ahead of the latest recommended dates.

To cope with the onslaught, the Royal Mail has hired an extra 3,500 casual staff to be hired to help full-time Post Office employees to deal with their most challenging time of year.

A series of discount stamp



Father Christmas, alias Barry McGuigan, the boxer, in London yesterday promoting the Post Office's "post early and beat the festive rush" message. He has just posted more than 300 cards to relatives and supporters around the world. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

# Decision is delayed over social worker

Mrs Diane Dietmann, the social worker dismissed for gross misconduct over the handling of the Jasmine Beckford case, must wait until next month to find out if she will get her job back.

Mr Justice Hodgson told the High Court yesterday that he would take time to consider her claim that Brent social services had breached her contract of employment when they dismissed her last December.

He said that he would give his decision on January 12, or soon after, on whether to grant her an injunction reinstating her, or damages for wrongful dismissal.

Jasmine, aged four, died in July 1984 after being tortured and starved by her parents, who were both jailed. A report later criticized the council's social services department.

# Trapped driver has both legs amputated

A mobile surgical team performed a life-saving roadside operation yesterday when they amputated both legs of a lorry driver trapped in the wreckage of his cab.

The unit, including two surgeons, an anaesthetist and a nurse, drove under police escort from the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford to the A43 at Weston-on-the-Green, seven miles north of the city, after firemen were unable to free the man.

A police helicopter was used to ferry blood supplies to the scene of the accident, in which two lorries collided head-on.

In a separate incident, a woman driver was killed when her car was involved in a four-vehicle pile-up at Gore Hill, near Amersham, Buckinghamshire, yesterday.

# Anarchist complaints rejected

The Press Council has rejected a complaint about reports in the Daily Express that claimed to expose a group of anarchists who were posing as an animal liberation group.

The council said it accepted the reporter's detailed description of what happened at meetings she attended.

Eileen MacDonald described her experiences after infiltrating one of the Animal Liberation Front's secret cells.

She said that the zealots planned to kidnap a member of the Royal Family, bomb the homes of scientists and doctors, burn down research laboratories and terrorize the homes of selected police officers.

Mr Robert Noding, of Brockley, south London, complained to the council that the articles contained serious inaccuracies which distorted his activities and those of South London Animal Movement.

He said his movement was not a secret cell. Its meetings were open to the public and were advertised. Allegations in the reports about topics discussed were untrue.

In a statement Miss MacDonald said that talk by members of the group convinced her they were dangerous.

# Cool response to accident scheme

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society's free interview scheme for victims of accidents, to be launched nationally next May, is facing "antipathy" from the medical profession.

The society says that for a variety of reasons both doctors' surgeries and hospitals have been reluctant to display leaflets and promote the scheme although some have welcomed it.

Under the scheme, a free interview with a solicitor is offered to anyone who has had an accident, or whose immediate family has, no matter how it occurred.

The idea is to help accident victims, particularly "those among the less well-off sections of society who are perhaps ignorant about their rights and the legal remedies available to them", to claim compensation for injury where appropriate.

The Law Society, explaining its re-launch in the Law Society Gazette, says that the British Medical Association has suggested that it is up to individual areas and committees to decide whether they wish to participate in the scheme.

The society says: "The point remains that many people still do not know their rights. Many think that if they are getting sickness benefit or injury benefit, this is the same as compensation."

"Many are still ignorant of the fact that a claim can be made if an accident was somebody else's fault, and that advice and help is readily available."

Experience in Manchester, where the scheme was launched in 1979, has shown that up to 70 per cent of accident victims who could claim compensation, do not.

It also showed that 80 per cent of those coming forward had been able to take further action.

The scheme has been run by some 30 of the 120 local law societies in England and Wales.

Under the re-launch from next May, it is hoped to extend the scheme to all areas not now covered.

It will coincide with the publication of the 1987 solicitors' regional directories, which will show which solicitors and their firms participate in the scheme.

Accident victims can find out about the scheme and where to go through citizens' advice bureaux, local libraries or through sending back the "tear-off" section of the leaflet publicizing the scheme.



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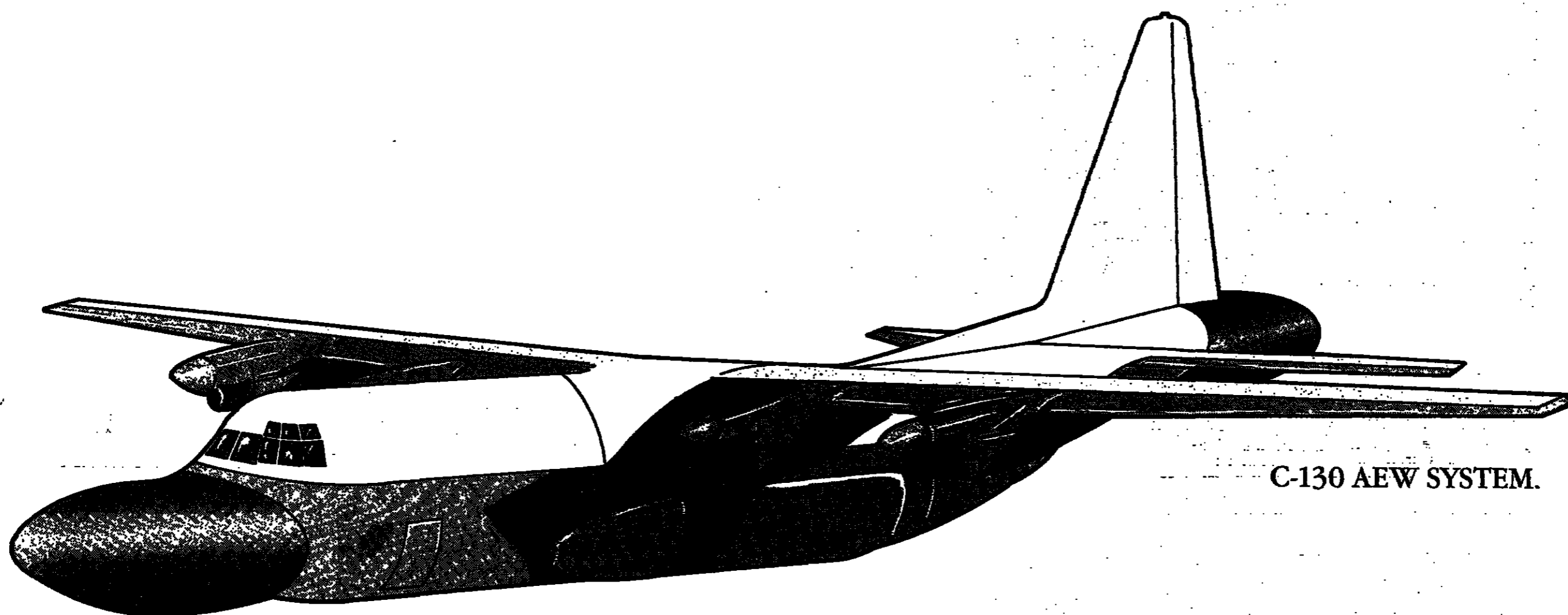
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Art boom: 2

Monet master down £200,000 as the market proves volatile

A misty view of Rouen Cathedral, only half visible in tones of grey and violet, painted by Monet in 1894, was sold by Sotheby's for £852,500 last week.

Christie's had sold it as recently as May 1984 in its New York rooms for the equivalent of £910,072. The purchaser must have made a loss of more than £200,000, taking commission and auction premium into account.

Sotheby's estimate on the picture before last week's sale was £1 million to £1.25 million. Several points are demonstrated by the result. Even when the market is enjoying a crazy boom, prices can go down as well as up.

The idea that auction prices reflect some kind of "true" value is spurious; it is easy to be carried away and pay too much, as must have been the case with the purchaser of this picture in 1984.

Pictures that have been recently on the market are not as popular with bidders as those that come from old collections; quick re-offerings often go down in price. That is one important way in which the art market differs from the stock market. Another is the regularity of sales.

The big sales are grouped three times a year, in autumn, spring and summer. There will be no way of telling whether this autumn's price levels can be sustained until next April.

Dealers will, of course, be doing business in the meantime but the boom is essentially an auction affair, sparked by the excitement of the social event. Many dealers complain that they cannot find buyers for middle range pictures at the prices now set by auctions.

The best pictures and rarities from every field of art are a law to themselves. Anyone can sell them anywhere. Museums and collectors appreciate that the supply of great art works is running out;

In the second of two articles Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent, shows that it is not all money-making in the world of high art: prices can go down.

once convinced that they are confronted by such a piece they begin to think in telephone numbers.

The £2.6 million recently paid for a Constable is a case in point, as is the \$3.2 million paid for an American Chippendale-style sofa and the \$1.32 million for an eight-inch neolithic goddess.

Will the spectacular boom be followed by a market collapse? Or will prices continue ever upward? In looking for the answer, one must think broadly of two markets.

Taking inflation into account, prices for middle range, repeatable art works have moved up and down in price over the years following the dictates of fashion and will probably continue to do so. Current price levels for second rate Impressionist and modern pictures, the focus of fashion, are unlikely to be sustained in real terms.

On the other hand, great rarities have recently escalated in price much faster than inflation, partly because buyers expect them to continue to do so.

Whereas, in the past, prices have generally fallen back again after a boom, a tremendous weight of money has come into the market over the past five years, facilitated by the art advisory services of such institutions as Citibank. It is possible that has changed the nature of the game, that the institutions now so heavily committed in the art field will support the market when it weakens.

Art, however, has no intrinsic value and financial values are only loosely linked with cultural significance. It is hard to believe that the current frenetic art market activity will continue indefinitely.

Concluded



Helping a passerby is part of the positive side of policing as seen by Joanne Davis and Hardip Ladhur Singh (right), who were out and about with PC Robert Barratt, in the Handsworth area of Birmingham (Photograph: Philip Dunn).

Teenagers join the beat to fight bias

By Peter De Ioanno

An experiment which puts teenage children on the beat with their local bobby is being tried in Handsworth, Birmingham, the scene of violent rioting last year.

Police Constable Robert Barratt, a community patrol officer at Thornhill Road police station, is being shadowed by Joanne Davis, aged 15, and Hardip Ladhur Singh, aged

14, the first of 40 pupils from St John Wall School who will be attending the pavement "life classes".

Mr Peter Hack, the teacher who has organized the programme, said: "The pupils see that the job of the police is not what they see on television and in the media. We are building bridges by showing youngsters the positive side of police work."

They have had frequent opportunities to watch PC Barratt handle everyday matters such as a Rastafarian asking directions to an illegal radio station, an elderly Bengali complaining about local bus services, and giving advice on neighbourhood problems.

Only twice have pupils had to follow the instruction, agreed in advance, to leave the officer's side if a situation appeared dangerous.

Sergeant Barry Beate, a permanent beat officer at Thornhill Road, described the teenagers as "very mature and refreshing".

He said: "The lads realize it's an extra responsibility but it helps to break down misunderstanding."

"It is an investment for the future."

Liberals call for alternative forms of medical care

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Alternative forms of medical treatment such as osteopathy, homeopathy, herbalism and acupuncture should be available on the National Health Service, a Liberal health pamphlet recommended yesterday.

Public demand for such unorthodox treatment appears to be increasing "and Liberals see this as to some extent a measure of the failure of the NHS to meet all needs".

The pamphlet adds: "The crucial question is whether the various 'alternative' treatments are successful. Some 'orthodox' treatments might not satisfy strict double-blind clinical trials, even though they are widely accepted as helpful to patients."

"Increasing incidence of side-effects from drugs must encourage a search for alternatives. Medicine must remain open-minded and receptive to new ideas (and old ones) whatever their source."

Provided such alternative treatments can be proved to be successful "they should be available for NHS patients subject to the same requirements of proof of safety as applies to traditional forms of treatment".

private medicine which recognizes the demand for private medicine but does not allow it to exploit the NHS or deprive it of resources.

"It is essential that there should be no subsidy from public funds, either directly or through tax subsidies to individuals or companies or other groupings."

Under the present Government the commercial health services have been allowed to "cream off" profitable activities, "leaving the NHS with an unbalanced caseload and organizational difficulties".

Mr Archy Kirkwood, the Liberals' health spokesman, said yesterday: "The availability of private health care cannot be denied. We must beware of the danger that such services may reduce the freedom of NHS patients to get good health care by pre-empting resources."

"The private sector must make a contribution to the training of staff, either via a training levy or by providing agreed levels of training themselves."

The pamphlet says that patients should be given more choice about a doctor. Freedom in Sickness and in Health (Liberal Party Publications, Birchcliffe Centre, Helden Bridge, West Yorkshire, E1).

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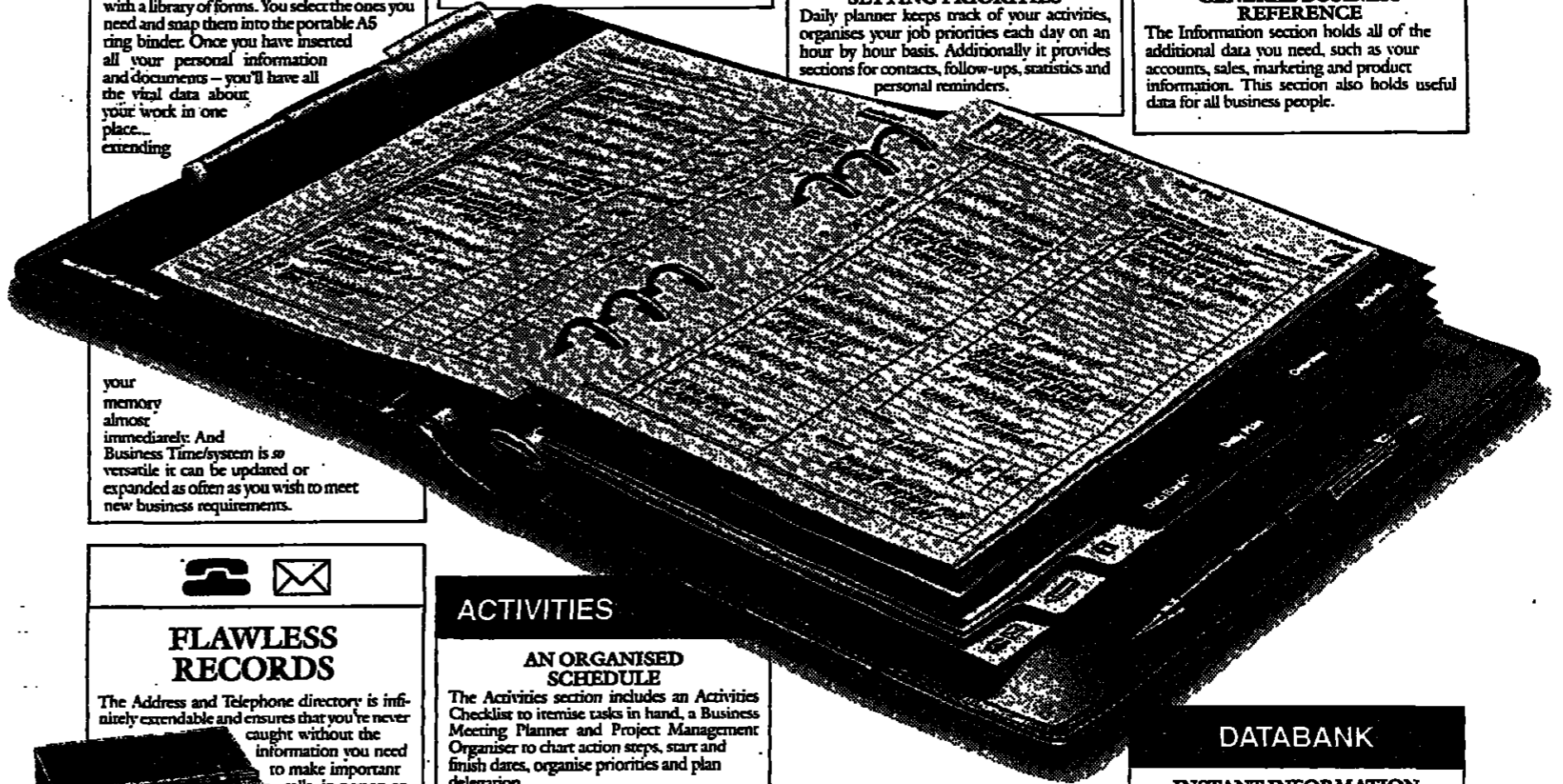
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River ban on lead weights

Anglers' lead weights, claimed to be the main cause of swan deaths, have been banned on Forestry Commission lakes and rivers.

Now Britain's four million anglers will have to use non-toxic substitutes.

Mr Roger Bradley, Forestry Commissioner, said: "The danger of lead in the environment is well known and we feel any effort to reduce the threat is worthwhile."

"But we do not wish anglers to interpret this as an attack on their sport. We recognize angling as an important recreation within the forests and have created and improved a number of fisheries."

A ban on the supply and sale of lead weights, though not their use, comes into effect on January 1.

Solicitor's committal date is set

Committal proceedings against Mr Ian Wood, aged 37, the solicitor facing two murder charges, are to begin on January 20. He was remanded in custody until Tuesday by Sheffield Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Mr Wood, of Bradford, Sheffield, is charged with murdering his French girlfriend, Miss Danielle Lloyd, aged 38; murdering her daughter Stephanie, aged three, and attempting to murder her son Christopher, aged six.

He is also charged with stealing nearly £85,000 from clients.

Crew rescued

The seven-strong crew of a Maltese container ship was airlifted to safety yesterday after the vessel caught fire in the North Sea, 30 miles south-east of Lowestoft.

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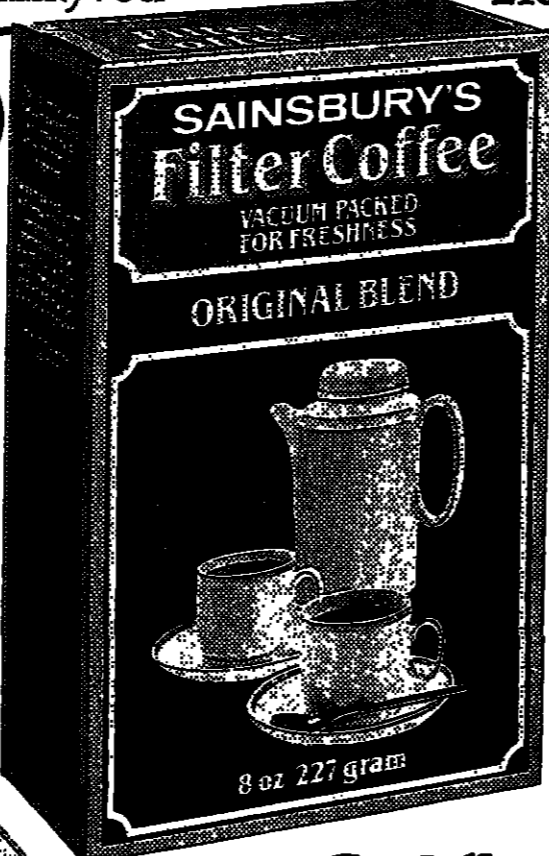
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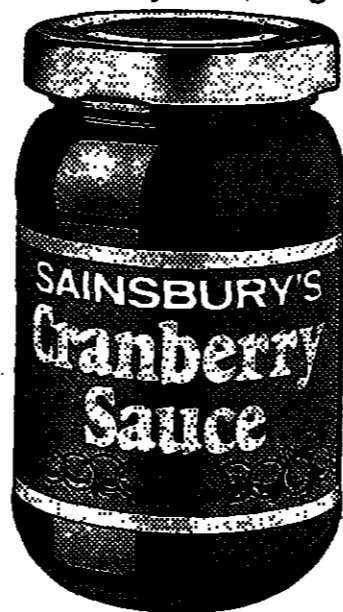
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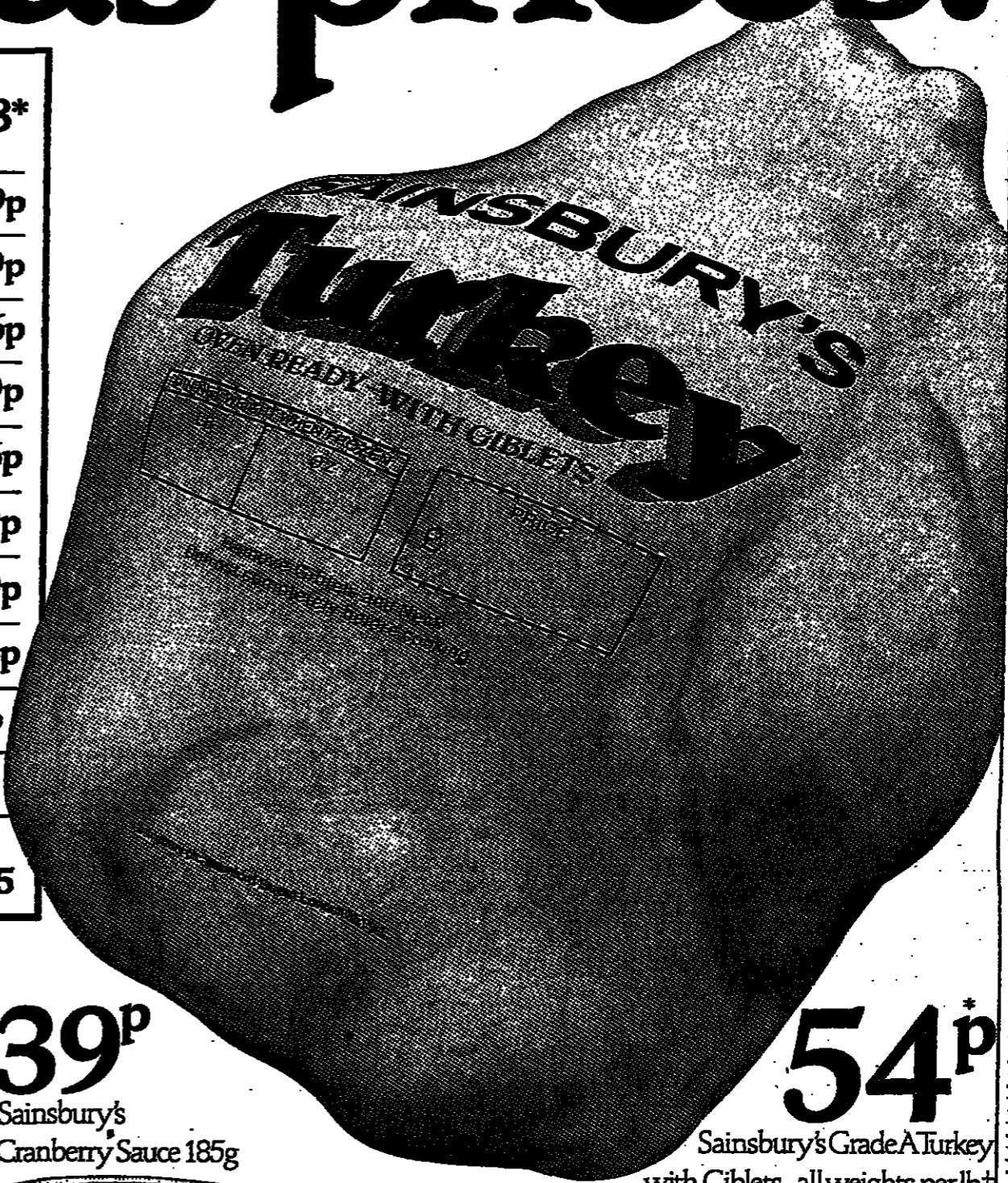
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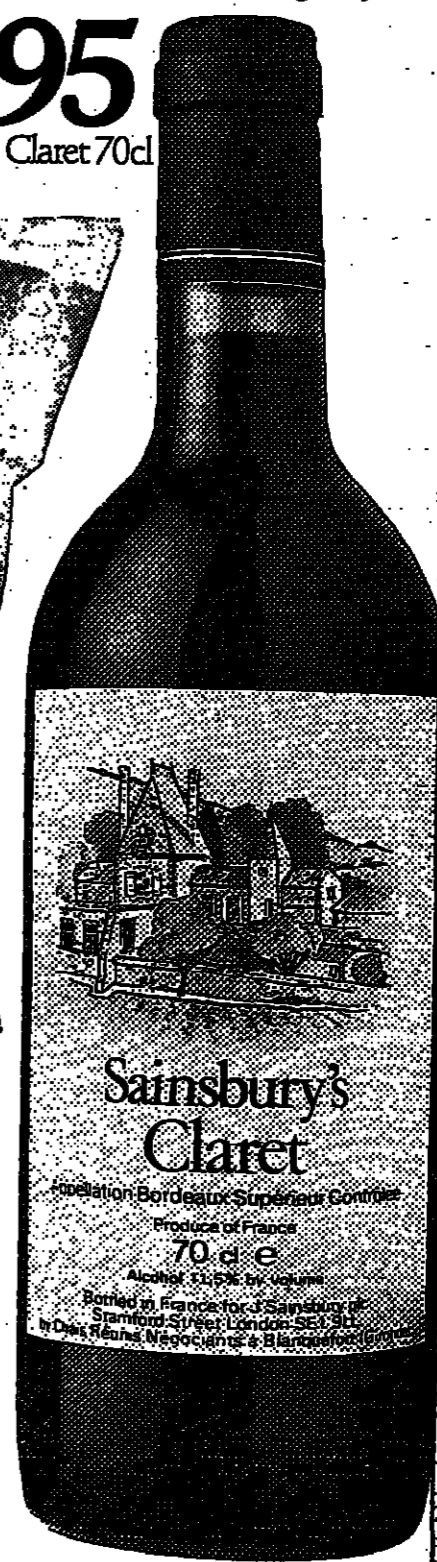
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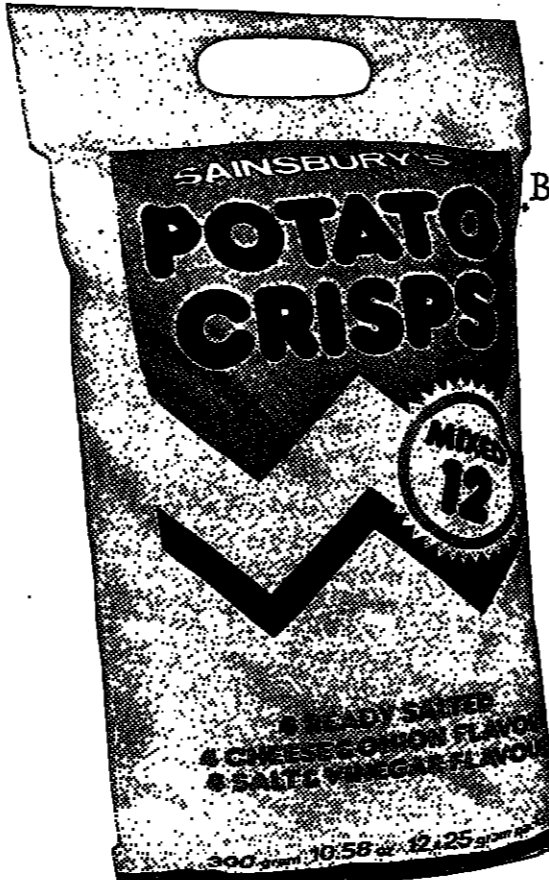


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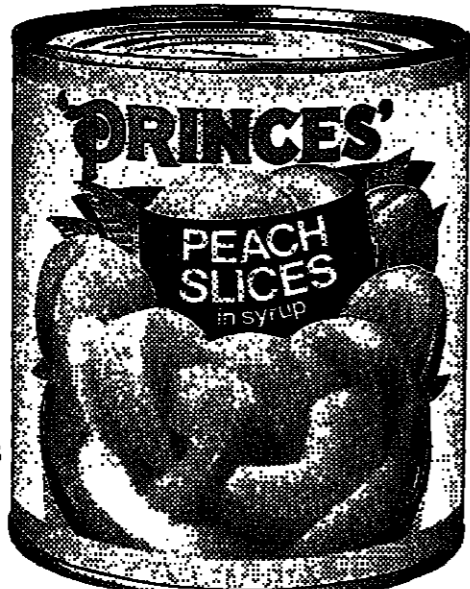
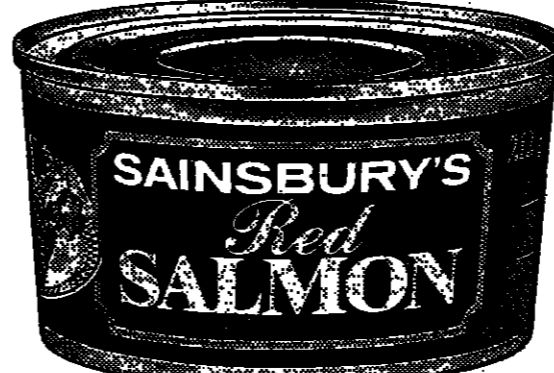
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# Indian Aids victim jailed

From Michael Hamlyn  
Delhi

The latest sexually transmitted disease Aids is now in India and still mercifully rare. But to discover two months ago the administration was total confusion, and the victim was taken into jail.

But the woman, Pyralis, aged 28, having been freed by a local court, has now disappeared into the countryside and remains both untraceable and unharmed.

The epidemic began in India in June with the death of the British businessman. The Government's first step was to set up a committee to study the disease, but it took months to notice the first cases. In the meantime, the police officers were busy with the red-light district and the AIDS victims.

Several centres collected blood samples from 59 prostitutes in the district, with blood samples from donors and patients. The analysis, done by the British, proved that the disease was spreading in the district. Blood samples were sent to the British as a result.

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Establishment 'turned blind eye' to Soviet penetration of secret services

Wright says Thatcher misled House on Hollis

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Mr Peter Wright, the enigmatic protagonist of the MI5 book trial, finally entered the witness box at the start of the hearing's fourth week yesterday to declare the four fundamental points of his credo: that Soviet penetration of the British Establishment continues; that successive national leaders, including Mrs Thatcher, have shut their eyes to it.

objections. After arbitration by Mr Justice Powell in chambers, about one-third of the evidence was deleted from the open court proceedings, to be considered in closed session. In the course of his statement, Mr Wright testified about the history of his 30-year membership of "the service" and how his relationship with Lord Rothschild led him to provide Chapman Pincher with information for the book *Their Trade Is Treachery*.

The secret services had long assumed that it was best for their work to be conducted with the minimum of public scrutiny, he said. "When I was young I readily adopted this philosophy... I now think this entirely wrong. The work of protecting our society against subversion is too important to leave to the spies." He said that, although when he sent Mrs Thatcher in 1984 his dossier on Soviet activity in Britain she described it as "hot", the proposals he had suggested "would have caught a lot more spies". There was still time to take the same steps now, he added.



The former British MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright, arriving at the Supreme Court in Sydney to give evidence yesterday, accompanied by his counsel, Mr Malcolm Turnbull.

Spy book 'sought to reform MI5'

Sydney - Mr Wright said yesterday that, although he was paid £30,000 in royalties for assisting Chapman Pincher with *Their Trade Is Treachery* and an advance of £18,000 for his own book *Spycatcher*, his main concern throughout had been to secure changes within MI5 (Stephen Taylor writes).

When in August, 1980, he was contacted by Lord Rothschild, an old friend who believed himself under suspicion as a spy and wanted assistance to clear his name, he saw an opportunity. Lord Rothschild sent him a first-class return air ticket from Tasmania to London which he exchanged for two economy tickets, and he and his wife, Lois, flew to London, arriving in August 1980.

Mr Wright said that, because of Lord Rothschild's standing in the Establishment, he felt sure the project had at least tacit official backing. He said: "I did not suggest the idea of a book. I did not suggest Pincher as an author. My original intention was simply to bring what I knew before the Prime Minister." When *Their Trade Is Treachery* was published he was "very disappointed", because it had concluded that there was no need for an inquiry, quite the contrary to his own view.

Ex-agent vouches for Rothschild

Sydney - Though he believes the British Establishment is still riddled with Soviet agents, Mr Peter Wright went out of his way yesterday to say he was "absolutely certain" that neither Lord Rothschild nor his wife had ever spied for Russia (Our Own Correspondent writes).

It was Hollis who introduced me to him. We had a common interest in science and intelligence matters and became close friends. Of their relationship during the events which led to his meeting with Chapman Pincher and their collaboration on his book, Mr Wright said: "Victor was always very secretive and it was not done to ask him questions. He loved intrigue and conspiracies and was always involved in secret deals and arrangements, especially with politicians." "He loved to exert influence behind the scenes. His wealth and position were so great that I could not believe he would risk it for a scheme if it was not at least tacitly approved."

In writing his own book, he had taken great care not to disclose anything that might damage national security. He said: "Breakdowns in trust in the service occur when there is treachery, not when loyal members of the service write about their work, as I have done."

Congress closes ranks as unrest plagues India

Gandhi's gentle touch heals party rift

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi The gentle personal diplomacy of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, is producing a peaceful resolution in contrast to the recent fratricidal enmeshment among the Indian population at large. While his ironic qualities were demonstrated yesterday with the effective healing of an old political schism in his Congress Party, his countrymen spent a weekend of communal mayhem. Six deaths in the capital, Delhi, on Friday were blamed by a minister in Parliament on "non-secular politics".

held among all-embracing declarations of peace and brotherhood, nine people were killed in the past 48 hours when police fired at crowds of Muslims on a rampage after a local newspaper published a short story which offended them. On the other side of the country, in the north-eastern state of Tripura, tribal rebels, carrying on a brutal campaign against non-tribals, massacred 13 innocent civilians at a prayer meeting. The bloody action brought to 36 the number killed in Tripura in the past month. Yesterday the ruling Communist-led government of the state held a 24-hour general strike to protest at the killings. In neighbouring Assam there was another general strike, also state-government supported, but this time to protest against the delays in implementing action against those Bengali immigrants

whose fellows have come to dominate politics in Tripura. The Assam state government came to power a year ago after a campaign against the migrants which ended with an accord with Mr Gandhi. And in Bengal itself, one supporter of the Gorkhaland National Liberation Front died on Sunday and three supporters of the Communist Party were injured, as part of the continuing campaign in the hill district north Darjeeling for regional autonomy. An indefinite general strike there is paralysing the area, and police are facing attacks from both the agitators and government supporters. Meanwhile, Mr Gandhi flew - as soon as the fog which closed Delhi airport yesterday morning lifted - to Amrabad in Maharashtra where a mass rally celebrated the end of the separation of the Congress (S) from his Congress (I). The Congress (S), which has been led by a talented and able politician, Mr Sharad Pawar, was the last significant separate faction of the old Indian National Congress, which had been shattered by Mrs Indira Gandhi as she fought off the party bosses seeking to take advantage of her apparent incapacity. All that remain separate now are fragments of fragments - those pieces which objected to the new unity, and the disappointed band around Mr Prakash Mahabjee, the former Finance Minister who was expelled this year by Mr Gandhi. Mr Gandhi's successful diplomacy was also marked by the vocal support for the merger given by Dr Farooq Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, who is himself back in power thanks to the support for his National Conference by Congress following after his own treaty with the Prime Minister last month.

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# Who'll rekindle the chariots of fire?

Behind today's varsity match lies a sorry saga of decline in sport at Oxbridge.

David Miller finds out why

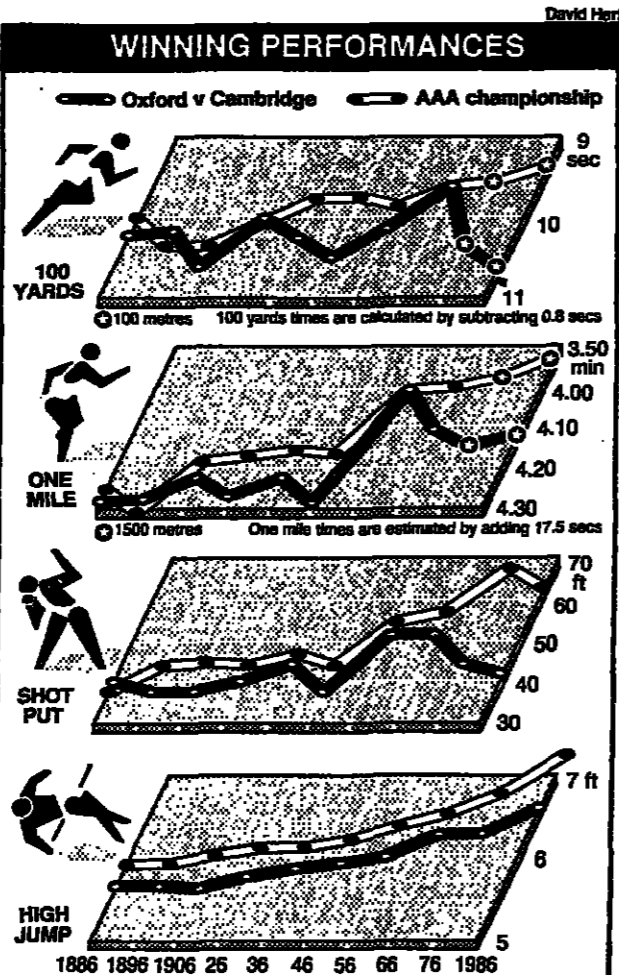
At Cambridge in the fifties you could sit down to a three-shillings-and-sixpence lunch at the week among a group of international performers in half a dozen sports: a brains trust of table talk for which, gathered in a television studio today, Mark McCormack would demand a five-figure fee.

They included household names in major and lesser sports — May, Barber and Dexter from cricket, Mares, Mulligan and Arthur Smith from rugby, Marsh and Huddy (gold), Masser (rowing), Barrett and Warwick (tennis) Maitland and Cockett (hockey), Lyon and Broomfield (squash), Hildreth and Dunkley (athletics).

Now, Oxbridge performance has declined relative to national standards, partly because overall national levels of ability have risen and partly because the structure of the student population has changed, with more women and less emphasis on sport.

Nowhere is the situation more critical than in cricket. The Test and County Cricket Board has recently warned Oxford and Cambridge that their first-class status may be at risk.

Although Cambridge could, from recent seasons, field an



England line of backs, the total of 84 caps by 10 players between 1974 and 1984 compares badly with the 291 caps of 32 players in the previous ten years.

Five factors produced the decline, sufficient for a group of ex-Cambridge industrialists to have refused to help raise money for a projected £8 million sports centre at Cambridge unless there is a change in admissions policy.

The factors are: the end of National Service meant younger and physically less mature undergraduates; a changed admissions policy put less emphasis on sport; increased training at outside clubs lured undergraduates away from Oxbridge and into the clubs; a proportional rise in women students cut the available pool of sportsmen; and the decline of school sport meant fewer university entrants with a sporting background.

The trend produces a dilemma not merely for Oxbridge sport but, as a minority of Dons now recognise, for the

fundamental attitude of the two universities towards their very function. Intellectual excellence must be the aim, but fewer than 20 per cent of undergraduates gain first-class degrees.

Employers increasingly look for those with self-discipline, personality, gregariousness, and a sense of collective responsibility, as well as brains.

John Butterfield, distinguished physician, Master of Downing College and president of both rugby and cricket at Cambridge, says: "I believe sportsmen make good citizens. What we are lacking for (at Oxbridge) is leaders. It is valuable to know, from sport, the experience of losing."

John Hopkins, Downing admissions tutor in Arts, says: "There are half a dozen colleges (out of 30) who want people with energy, whatever they are doing." And Dr Alan Taylor, St Catherine's, Oxford: "Below the level of distinguished scholars, what are our criteria? We want people who will benefit from the system,



Oxford's Roger Bannister breaks four minutes for the mile; David Sheppard's 227 for Cambridge against the West Indies



### HALL OF FAME

These are some of the big names which graced Oxbridge sport in the Fifties:

**CRICKET:** R W Barber (Cambridge), England batsman in 28 Tests. D B Carr (Oxford), England batsman, captain once. M C Cowdrey (Oxford), 114 Tests, captain in 27. J G Dewes (Cambridge), England batsman, five Tests. E R Dexter (Cambridge), England all-rounder, 62 Tests, captain in 30. P B H May (Cambridge), England batsman, 166 Tests, captain in 41. D R Sheppard (Cambridge), England batsman, 22 Tests, captain in two. M J K Smith (Oxford), England batsman, 50 Tests, captain in 25. R Subba Row (Cambridge), England opening batsman, 13 Tests. J Warr (Cambridge), England opening bowler, two Tests. A R Lewis (Cambridge), England batsman, nine Tests, captain of England touring team, 1972-73.

**ATHLETICS:** Roger Bannister (Oxford), first sub-four minute miler. Nick Sasey (Oxford), Olympic 200 metre runner. Chris Brashear (Cambridge), 1956 Olympic steeplechase champion. Peter Hildreth (Cambridge), British 110 metres hurdles international. Chris Chatterway (Oxford), former world 5,000 metres record holder. Barclay Palmer (Oxford), British record holder for the shot. Ian Boyd (Oxford), 1956 Olympic 1,500 metres finalist. Harry Whittle (Cambridge), 1952 Olympic 400 metres hurdles finalist. Derek Johnson (Oxford), 1958 Olympic 800 metres silver medal winner. John Young (Oxford), British international sprinter and rugby cap. Bruce Tulloh (Cambridge), 1962 European 5,000 metres champion.

**RUGBY:** Oxbridge XV from the fifties — Ken Scotland (Cambridge), 27 caps, Scotland, British Lions, Arthur Smith (Cambridge), 33 caps for Scotland, British Lions, Malcolm Phillips (Oxford), 25 caps for England, Ricky Bartlett (Cambridge), seven caps for England, John Young (Oxford), 9 caps for England, British Lions, Phil Horrocks-Taylor (Cambridge), 9 caps for England, British Lions, Onwyn Brance (Oxford), 9 caps for Wales, Andy Mullin (Cambridge), 22 caps for Ireland, British Lions, Peter Robbins (Oxford), 19 caps for England, Robin Davies (Oxford), 6 caps for Wales, David Perry (Cambridge), 15 caps for England, John Currie (Oxford), 25 caps for England, David Mearns (Cambridge), 23 caps for England, British Lions, John Wilcox (Oxford), 16 caps for England, British Lions, Gordon Weddell (Cambridge), 18 caps for Scotland, British Lions.

## Silver amid the blues

There are still a few shafts of excellence at Oxford and Cambridge, which have the advantages of traditional rowing in activities like rowing and rugby, the convenience of superb facilities for outdoor team sports and the presence of students of the right age wanting to take exercise.

Dan Lyons, aged 28, an American freshman at Oriel College, Oxford, and world champion in the coxed fours, is startled by the interest and activity in rowing. "After this year's intake of 140 people at my college we were able to form ten men's and three women's eights. That is really neat."

"Rowing is very small in the United States except for the major colleges. It is not handled by the media. So it was a pleasant surprise to find the publicity over the boat race."

Because many colleges have their own boat houses there is much more equipment available even than at a traditional American rowing university like Princeton, where there is just the boat house for the university.

Although American univer-



Mullin: feeling the benefit of convenient facilities. sities have professional coaches, Oxford have to rely on dedicated amateurs — "but the Oxford coaches like Dan Topolski are very good and they certainly give their all". The weight training rooms, Lyons says, are as well-equipped as in many American universities.

The Hiley Road sports centre, all-weather track and rugby field are also an attraction for Brendan Mullin, Oxford's centre at Twickenham today, who won his 9th Irish cap against Romania in November. Last summer, Mullin, aged 23, broke the 30-

year-old Irish 110 metres hurdles record. "The running track is alongside the rugby ground, so I can go out and do some sprinting during the winter."

Mullin is impressed by Oxford's facilities for athletics and rugby but stresses that the main reason he went to Oxford was to further his academic career.

Jim Railton, the director of physical education at Oxford, says the sports centre has trouble catering for the wider range of activity. "When I first came in 1970 there were 24 university clubs, now there are 53."

Cambridge is hoping to build a similar centre in the Grange Road area which will help Jon Ridgeon, the finest athlete to go up for 20 years. Ridgeon, the European junior 110 metres hurdles champion, won seven events in this term's freshmen's match. "It was quite a tough day as I trained in the morning." He has to go to London twice a week to train either inside or on an all-weather track.

John Goodbody



## Two years ago you wouldn't have believed that Tony Bagley could ever look after himself.

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## Still weeping for the lost generation

Argentina celebrates three years of democracy tomorrow after almost a decade of dictatorships that tortured and killed thousands. Ironically it was the Falklands defeat that led to the downfall of the generals. Eduardo Cne reports on the fight back to freedom

The Argentine nightmare came to the home of Señora Graciela Fernandez Mejjide at two o'clock on the morning of October 23, 1976, when she was awakened by the insistent ringing of the doorbell. Outside she could hear the murmuring of men's voices. After a moment one of them said: "Federal police, open the door!" She woke her husband Enrique and when they opened up they found themselves confronted by four armed men.

The couple's three children, Pablo, 17, Maria Alejandra, 18, and Martin, 15, were asleep. The police ordered Pablo to dress and come with them. They told his parents to pick him up at a nearby police station in the morning. "Pablo was green. He did not cry, he did not protest. He left with a smile, but it was a smile of fear."



Picture of grief: Señora Graciela Mejjide with a photograph of her murdered son Pablo

dated another boy, also called Pablo. The four youngsters had distributed leaflets, painted slogans and sold a newspaper for the Workers' Revolutionary Party, the political branch of the People's Revolutionary Army, one of many terrorist groups then operating in Argentina.

Alfredo Bravo has the scars to prove what could happen to an ordinary citizen living under the military rule of the Argentine generals. He had just begun to teach his evening Spanish course on September 8, 1977, when an armed man entered the classroom and

told him the Interior Minister wanted to see him. Señor Bravo was thrown into a car and sped away into the Argentine abyss. For the schoolteacher and long-time human rights activist, the day marked the start of two weeks of torture and more than a year of jail and house arrest.

Señor Bravo had helped to found the Permanent Commission for Human Rights, of which he is still co-president. "For 13 days I was the object of all types of torture. The purpose was to make me divulge the names of the people in the United States and Europe who helped publicize our denunciations of human rights violations in Argentina. I never spoke. Not one of my colleagues was disturbed or imprisoned."

During the next two weeks he was submitted to various forms of torture. Electric shocks were applied to all parts of his body. He was hung from his feet and pummelled with blows. His head was submerged in buckets of water until he was close to drowning.

Then he was brought before General Juan Ramon Camps, the notorious chief of the Buenos Aires province police who was sentenced to 25 years

## Pablo did not cry. But he left with a smile of fear

in jail last week on charges of torture. "He said I would be receiving a visit from my family that night and that if I told them what had happened to me I would later commit suicide in my cell," said Señor Bravo.

Luck and good timing combined to save Bravo's life. As soon as they learned of his disappearance, Argentina's human rights organizations sent a telegram of protest to President Jimmy Carter, who was meeting the following day at the White House with all the Latin American heads of state on the occasion of the signing of the new Panama Canal Treaty. President Carter personally handed the cable to Argentine's General Jorge Rafael Videla who promised to look into the matter.

Today Señor Bravo, who is a high-ranking official in the education ministry, is optimistic about the future. "I think that the experience that the Argentine people have lived through, the human rights trials and all the battles of the long night from 1976 to 1983 have helped to solidify democracy."

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# FASHION by Suzy Menkes

## Under cover

Designer lingerie has arrived, sweetly silken and prettily innocent, often reminiscent of bottom-drawer collections from another age and enough to tempt even the ultra-practical



Centre: cream georgette camisole with appliqued silk lace, £58, matching circular French knickers, £115 by Jasper Conran from his shop at 37 Beauchamp Place, SW3, Forum and Mason, Piccadilly and Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1.

Above: palest grey and white floral and striped crepe de chine. Deep bra, £55, matching wrap-over culottes, £107 by Jenny Doherty from Night Owls, 78 Fulham Road, SW3. Silver drop earrings, from Mercia, 178 Walton Street, SW3.

Far left: a whisper of silk with deep insets of lace for a snow-white all-in-one teddy by Krizia, £95 from a collection at 28 Brook Street, W1.

Right: a scattering of printed tulips on a pure silk bra with covered buttons, £40, matching bias cut slip with appliqued lace, £39. From a set in the same silk, all by Elizabeth Bolton, from Farwicks, New Bond Street, W1, Camille, Stratford upon Avon and Lingers, York.

Left: Edwardian underpinnings for a cream silk and lace basque trimmed with bows and laced down the back, £300. Frothy frills of lace trim French knickers £80. Both by Emanuel from their new shop at 10 Beauchamp Place, SW3.

Hair by Guido at Toni and Guy. Make-up by Laurie Starrett.

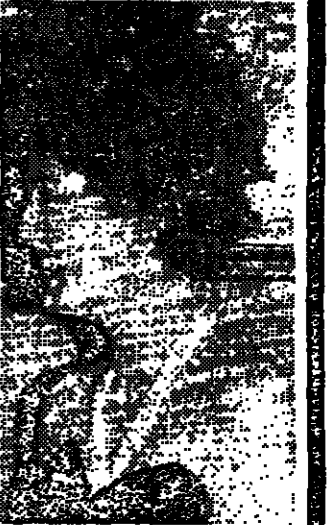
Photographs by IAN THOMAS

### PEOPLE Praise to Emanuel

It was show-business as usual when Elizabeth and David Emanuel celebrated the launch of their shop last Wednesday. In a re-run of Diana's Royal wedding, their star guest, actress Jane Seymour, arrived in a gilded coach. The real party happened that night when even the glasses holding the hundreds of white candles were swagged in the famous Emanuel bows. Toasting the designer couple were Lionel Blair, George Harrison's wife Olivia in a silky velvet bustier dress, and assorted ballet stars wearing facial glitter.



● Jane Seymour (above), the 35-year-old actress, lit up the Emanuel party in chandelier earrings and this season's strapless top.



● It was tu tu much when Francesca Thyssen (above) turned up in an Emanuel skating skirt frock in wicked black velvet.

● Alice in Wonderland became a fashion victim last week in a new 40-minute film, Caprice. The star of the film, a girl called Lucky, is transported into a tongue-in-cheek fantasy world through the pages of her favourite glossy mag, meeting characters like the fashion editor, Grace Herringbone, and partying social editor Betty Mixer (as in Kenward). The film will be shown on Channel Four in the New Year.

Silvers of silk, wisps of chiffon and appliques of the finest lace mark the arrival of designer lingerie — the latest line in up-market undressing. "It looks like my mother's trousseau," said a customer in the Jasper Conran shop, fingering the sheer georgette cami-knickers and slip of a top. The newest lingerie is reminiscent of the bridal collections at The White House which young ladies laid down in the bottom drawer. Undies now are the prettiest things, delicate rather than sensuous, and with luxury price tags.

In the present season, even the most practical woman can be seduced by expensive underpinnings. Those spending on a gift will be pleased to know that you now get rather more for your money. The newest lingerie is generously cut, with the bikini briefs expanding to culottes or French knickers, and the bra-top cut deep and wide or elongated to form a silken vest. The petticoat, too, is having a revival and is sold as part of a set of underwear that looks like grandmother's trousseau from the 1920s.

Both Jasper Conran and Emanuel, with new shops in Beauchamp Place, have introduced lingerie collections this season. Conran's is 1930s in style, bias-cut to stroke the body, and includes the all-in-one "teddy" that is a feature of many underwear ranges. Emanuel has gone back to the Edwardian boudoir for lace-encrusted negligés and bustiers trimmed with bows.

Italian designer Giorgio Armani and Krizia both have delicious undies, sliced from silk crepe de chine, in their signature boutiques. Significantly Armani, who only two years ago launched an androgynous fashion look, has accepted that underwear needs to be feminine, and makes gossamer-fine bras and briefs, inset with transparent lace.

Delicate underpinnings come from the Italians and the French in a series of silken offerings at Harrods. Fashion controller Clare Stubbs says that the two major styles in underwear are the frilly and the sporty. The new mood for soft femininity brings in a third category of gentle lingerie, in soft colours: aquamarine, peach, eau de nil, old rose and cream.

The trend towards the frankly feminine has already reached the high street, where the wide-legged French knickers, the new deep bra tops and, especially the silky camisoles are in the chain stores. Marks and Spencer, best known for their sturdy briefs and wholesome nightwear, have produced pretty rosebud prints, inset panels of lace and some wicked-lady undies in scarlet satin.

The expensive lingerie relies rather on cut and fabric for its charm, with the matt surfaces of chiffon and georgette outshining slippery satin in the designer collections. The effect is pretty, pure and surprisingly innocent.



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### QUALITY CHRISTMAS

The ghost of Christmas past haunts high street shops this year as presents with the warmth and cheer of an old-fashioned Dickensian Christmas out-twinkle glitzy Dynasty-style glamour. Even the festive packing and advertising is wrapped in a Christmas cloak of nostalgia.



● Bangles and Bows: wrap yourself and your Christmas tree in ribbons and bows. Hair bows in every shape and colour are in gilded boxes for £13.95 from Feawicks. Laura Ashley bows for Cinderellas who will go to the ball in black or navy blue velvet, £4.95. Small but beautiful baubles hark back to grandmother's jewellery box: a sinuous diamond lizard brooch, antique-looking, £12.95 from Liberty. Sparkling crystal head earrings with crystal charms, £25 by Eric Beames from Liberty and X.Y.Z. Bling-bling: Silver-plated reindeer brooch for seasonal lapsels, by Gary Weston and Sheila Teague, £39 from Liberty.

● Parfums Laura Ashley is embroidered on a snow-white powder puff in a drum of dusting powder for £10.95. Silver filigree surrounds Liberty's midnight blue glass scent bottle £17.25. Boudoir accessories by Kenneth Turner from Harvey Nichols, come in elegant Parisian bottles with glass stoppers, Bath Oil £17. Enchanted gentlemen's grooming is rewarded for at Crech and Speake, 105 Piccadilly Street, SW1. Badger shaving brushes, £49.50, elegant facial mists of cologne, shaken or sprayed, £19.50.

Jewels for gentlemen from Paul Smith, cufflinks by Piero Fornasetti engraved with the moon, stars and money, £35, 43-44 Floral Street, WC2. ● Fireside stories: Warm but elegant satin slippers, £11.95, Feawicks. ● Broderie for bedtime: white cotton cambric nightdress with broderie anglaise frilled collar and cuffs, £29.95, Laura Ashley. ● Christmas Scents:



### Fujian Jasmine Tea

Jasmine Tea is the green tea produced in foggy mountains, scented with jasmine flowers. So, with not only the flavour of green tea but the sweet smell of jasmine, the tea tastes superb. As the tea processing techniques are complicated and require accuracy in determining the temperature, moisture and air flow, machine has been used to replace men in order to obtain better results. In 1985, the Fujian Jasmine Tea was awarded "Laurier D'or De La Qualite Internationale" by Comite Internationale D'action Gastronomique Et Touristique.

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Cementing the cracks

Rod Hackney's first task after his bitterly contested election yesterday as president of the Royal Institute of British Architects will be to restore the staff's badly battered morale.

Woolsack?

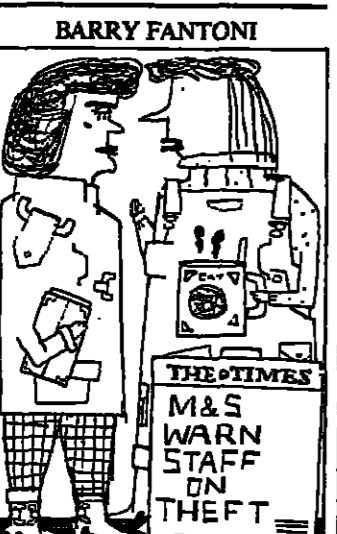
Student unrest almost deprived Lord Hailsham of his bed during a visit to his rooms at All Souls College, Oxford, at the weekend.

Anticipation

Which mole tipped off Wisden Cricket Monthly? It is surely more than a coincidence that the next issue carries an account of Lord Rothschild's cricketing career.

No deal

The TV movie Deal of the Century, scheduled for screening by CBS in America last week, was mysteriously axed at the last minute.



BARRY FANTONI

Overcast

A new financial package for members of the Sogat print workers' union, designed to recruit new members, has come unstuck on the eve of tomorrow's launch.

Rebirth

Historian Francis Wilson is so pleasantly surprised by the impact of his History Today article on the curtailment of George V's final hours by a shot of morphine and cocaine that he hopes for a more enduring readership.

Salad daze

Headless of the current concerns about the abuse of early day motions, Jeremy Corbyn, the left-wing Labour MP, has put down this: "That this House congratulates the cabinet workers of the Refreshment Department on the production of an excellent bean casserole on December 4/5, welcomes the availability of vegetarian food; and hopes that in future there will be a wide variety of wholefood and vegetarian dishes."

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A House viciously divided

Robin Oakley, Political Editor, explains the mutual Thatcher-Kinnock loathing

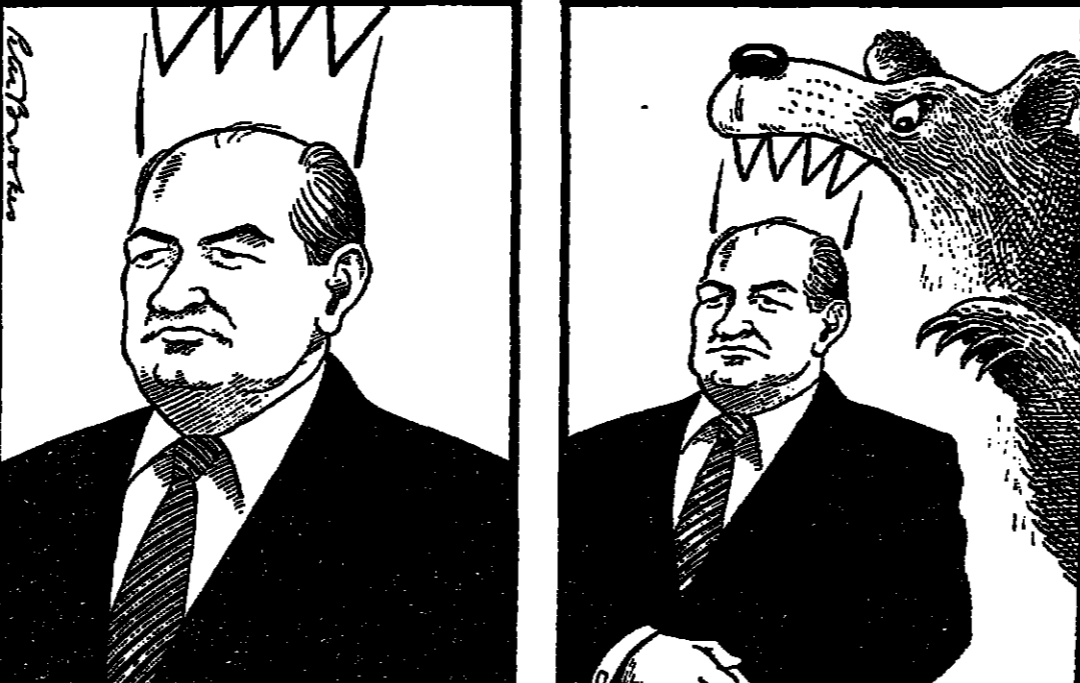
It is just as well that Mrs Thatcher will be away in Strasbourg and not at Prime Minister's Question Time in the Commons today. Had she been about we would probably have seen an ill-tempered slanging match between her and Neil Kinnock which would have done nothing to enhance the image of parliamentary government.

only with the rich and who will use any weapon in the armoury of government, legitimate or otherwise, to stay in power. Between most past leaders there has been the unspoken sympathy of those who have carried the burden of high office. Wilson and Macmillan may have fought some epic contests across the despatch box but in the corridors afterwards they could grin and acknowledge of who had had the best of it.

He insists bely that he has never betrayed to another soul a word of what he has been told on such occasions in the past and regards it as "dirty tricks" by a Prime Minister ruthlessly determined to belittle him. Kinnock's indignation is genuine. He is, at heart, a smart-coat-at-the-Cenotaph, shoes-polished, traditionalist not in the least embarrassed at extolling the virtues of the monarchy before an American audience.

Richard Owen outlines new Nato ideas on exploiting Soviet weakness

Brussels President Reagan's latest series of bungles, this time over arms sales to Iran, and his abrogation of the Salt II treaty are causing renewed concern within Nato. Meanwhile, Gorbachov introduces further cultural reforms and makes a successful anti-soviet foray to India.



For Mikhail, a hug along with a squeeze

of Kremlin bungles like the Daniloff affair. After Iceland, Gorbachov appeared three times in ten days on Moscow TV to give an account of the breakdown in much the same words. "Russians do not like to see their leaders having to justify themselves," one American official said. "It smacks of failure."

the Moscow human rights conference would be a stage-managed propaganda show if the West accepted Soviet terms, but not if the West turned the tables and called Moscow's bluff. As for SDI, the main lessons for Soviet generals and hardliners post-Reykjavik is that once again Gorbachov failed to stop it, as he failed at the first summit in Geneva.

Since the Russians are no doubt aware of this tendency the only realistic option for the West, as one American expert put it, is to both "deal" and "squeeze": to deal with Gorbachov over arms control and trade, and to squeeze him over human rights and Soviet behaviour abroad.

Hong Kong: why it cannot be Charles

The Queen, acting on the advice of the Foreign Secretary, will shortly appoint a new governor of Hong Kong to succeed Sir Edward Youde, who died suddenly last week. Both should be certain that those who offer advice on the appointment understand the hearts, minds, and apprehensions of the territory's 5.5 million residents, and the determination and suspicion of the handful of top leaders in Peking.

perfect governor, seen as he was by some in Hong Kong as too determined to manage the hand-over to Peking's satisfaction. But it was Sir Edward above all, despite Peking's insistence that he could not represent the interests of the people of Hong Kong, who made clear to Deng's negotiators that it is in China's interests to preserve the territory's unique way of life after it becomes a special administrative region. This means not only horse racing and mahjong but the region's own legislature and chief executive, drawn from the local population and approved by Peking.

Wilson was once political adviser in Hong Kong, the FCO's top official attached to the Hong Kong government. He oversaw virtually every hour of the 1984 negotiations in Peking, and now leads the British side at the three-monthly meetings of the liaison group which is hammering out pre-1997 arrangements such as Hong Kong passports, identity cards, and independent membership of Gatt and dozens of other international organizations.

How long should the next governor hold the job? Perhaps until 1995, two years before the handover. Then a Hong Kong Chinese liked, admired and respected on both sides of the border should be appointed. If his predecessor has done well, in 1997 his first Chinese governor can lay down the plumes and other colonial trappings and, with Peking's approval, become the first chief executive of the largely autonomous Hong Kong special administrative region.

Child abuse on a grand scale

Digby Anderson

Had it been the unemployment rate or the numbers in poverty, newspapers would have been filled with columns of protest and the radio resounded to denunciations by politicians and church leaders. But it was only the divorce figures, up another 11 per cent, so there was next to no comment at all. Most newspapers limited themselves to reporting the increase, released by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys late last month. Some increased their coverage to an inch and a half, reporting, without comment, that "recent changes in the law, allowing couples to petition for divorce after one year of marriage compared with three years previously, was the main reason for the increase."

do the opposite. Its pages betray an obsession with making divorce as quick, easy and cheap as possible. Procedures should be set to relieve petitioners of any anguish. The last vestiges of guilt or fault should be removed. The report proclaims dogmatically that no one partner is likely to be to blame. Ignoring the manifest social costs of divorce, it urges that the publicity of divorce hearings be minimized for the convenience of divorcees. We may look forward, no doubt, to tick-the-box divorce by return of post. Behind all this is the bizarre notion that divorce has nothing to do with marriage break-up. It is viewed merely as a tidying arrangement which occurs after an "irretrievable" breakdown has already occurred and therefore should be quick, easy and pleasant. But divorce is a social fact. The ease with which it can be obtained is known by couples marrying, arguing and separating. To be sure, its ease is largely a result of explicit marital calculation, but equally surely divorce legislation contributes to attitudes to marriage. The divorces it makes easier are there for all to see. Something which was once very unusual and heavily stigmatized can be seen to be something that many people now do without stigma. It becomes a thinkable course of action. It becomes normal. What is certain is that with the rising child casualties of marriage breakdown and its cost to the taxpayer, that is to families striving to stay intact, the advocates of easy, simple, cheap and pleasant divorce should no longer be allowed to get away with their unresearched assumption that liberalized divorce plays no part in these ills. But they probably will get away with it. The Brezhnev doctrine states that countries where communists have taken over must never be allowed to revert to democratic rule. Progressives have adapted this to social issues. Once a progressive orthodoxy has captured an area of social policy, it must never be ousted. It does not matter whether the Eastern European regime is manifestly inefficient and unjust. It does not matter whether the progressive orthodoxy is associated with dreadful social problems. When the Booth report complacently states that "it is neither desirable nor practicable to try to put the clock back", it is not reaching a conclusion on the basis of research but parroting progressivist ideology. Obviously 160,000 suffering children are too few to persuade Booth or the Lord Chancellor to do something as radical as reverse their policies. I wonder how many more are needed. The author is Director of the Social Affairs Unit.

Liverish all sorts

Andrew Gilchrist

Of all the professions, none today entails a greater degree of stress than diplomacy. Apart from the burden of his duties, he is placed for the collection of vital information and to exert valuable influence in well-chosen quarters, then they must entertain, and entertainment means drink. You still think it's all absurd, unnecessary and futile? All right, what about business entertaining? Press entertaining? What about the very considerable sums spent by local authorities (even left-wing authorities) to lubricate their relationships with one another and to foster friendship when they send delegations overseas? All right, you may ask, but what is all this leading up to? Well, a week or two ago the newspapers published a table showing the degree to which members of various callings suffer from cirrhosis of the liver. It showed that the incidence among doctors was three times that of the norm, with the armed forces, financiers and seamen all exhibiting increasingly distressing figures. Fright of place went, predictably I suppose, to publicans, who register a horrifying and an almost incredible 15 times the average. And what about the British diplomat? A man exposed daily (as I have shown) to the maximum of stress accompanied by the maximum of temptation? Where does his liver fit in? As a former British ambassador, I was proud to see that the lads of today maintain the high standards and the old traditions of the Service; no matter how much they put away, their livers are unharmed. They do not rate the slightest adverse mention in the cirrhosis table. Yet there is one entry in the table which does cause me unease. Since my retirement from the fringes of diplomacy my name has occasionally appeared in The Times as the author of a few well-timed and weighty lines on a matter of public importance. That surely does not alter the status of my liver for those minor contributions appeared in a column supported entirely by the efforts of similar, unpaid correspondents. But this is an article, and I expect to be paid for it. Does this bring me into that cirrhosis tabulation under the disadvantaged category "Authors, journalists and related workers"? If so, my liver is indeed at risk. The author was ambassador to Reykjavik, Jakarta and Dublin.

Guy Benton













Bulmer & Lumb agrees bid

By Alison Eadie
Allied Textile, the cash-rich Huddersfield textile company, has made an agreed £11.6 million cash bid for Bulmer & Lumb, the Bradford dyer and worsted spinner.

Council rates spiral 'costs' jobs and forces firms out

Spiralling local authority rates on businesses are costing jobs and in some cases driving companies to move from high-rate areas, according to the Association of British Chambers of Commerce.

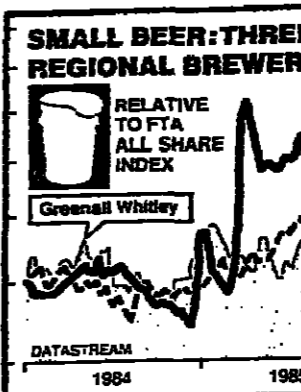
By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Various expansion projects, including a factory which would have created "many" new jobs, have been shelved or scrapped at Calderdale, west Yorkshire, in the wake of a two-year rates rise of 51 per cent.

Rates bills for retailers in Edinburgh and Glasgow are 3 1/2 times higher than those in central London, being up to £71 a square foot in Scotland and £20 at Knightsbridge, according to one survey.

Wolves brewery leads the regional pack

Yesterday was a field day for regional brewery enthusiasts. They were able to compare the consequences of the different styles of management at Wolverhampton & Dudley, Greenall Whitley and other regional brewers.



The market made its preferences clear. Wolves' shares jumped 5p to 55p, the Matthew Brown price rose 2p to 60 1/2p while Greenall Whitley edged up 1 1/2p to 174.5p.

Bid warning by Simon

Simon Engineering, fighting a £173 million management buy-in bid from Valuedale, claims that vital bonding (bank or insurance company guarantees on big contracts) and Exports Credit Guarantee Department cover will not be available if Valuedale wins.

Canberra 'will not stop' Murdoch bid

The Australian government will not intervene in Mr Rupert Murdoch's takeover bid for the country's largest newspaper group, despite a senior minister's objections.



Bill Hayden calls for official inquiry rejected

Mr Bill Hayden, the foreign minister, had called for an official inquiry into the Aus\$1.8 billion (£818 million) offer. News Corporation would have a newspaper monopoly in three cities and control of large newspapers in every state capital, Mr Hayden said.

Blue chips gain ground

Table with columns for company names and their percentage changes. Includes companies like AMR, ASA, Allied Signal, and various blue-chip firms.

Conditions 'are ripe for destroying the Cap'

Conditions in world food trade are ideal for trying to destroy the Common Agricultural Policy's (Cap) system of huge surpluses and subsidies to help self farm exports.

COMPANY NEWS

- PICT PETROLEUM: Figures in £000 for the year to June 2, 1986 (£44.9), profit on oil and gas trading £695 (1,169) and loss per share was 37.4 p.
BBB DESIGN GROUP: No interim dividend. A combined interim and final will be paid in August. Figures in £000 for six months to October 31 (comparisons adjusted). Turnover 1,189 (906), pretax profit 342 (240), tax 120 (84), earnings per share 2.68p (1.88).
HAY & ROBERTSON: Figures in £s for the year to May 30. Nil dividend, turnover was 228,389 (415,384), loss before tax and extraordinary items was 11,177 (4,795 p/l), tax was nil (0) and loss per share was 0.015p (0.006p profit).
BRITISH BENZOL: The directors recommend a dividend of not less than 1p per ordinary share for the year to March 31, 1987. Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Turnover 1,998.2 (1,489), pretax profit 3,875 (2,702), tax 116 (151), extraordinary item 348 credit (329 debit), earnings per share basic 5.8p (4), fully diluted 5.3p (3.6).
EVODE: The adhesives, paints and plastics company, yesterday announced pretax profits of 32 per cent higher at £3.7 million in the year to September 27 and unveiled details of a £14.4 million agreed bid for Supra Group.
SUPRA: Manufacturers and distributors motor components, noise control products and paints. It estimates its pretax profits in the year to November 30 at not less than £1.65 million.
THE TERMS OF THE OFFER are three Evode shares for four Supra shares or a partial cash alternative at 85p a share for up to 25 per cent of shares held. Evode already has acceptances from 52 per cent of Supra shareholders.
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Glut hits peanut trade

Rising prices and the prospect of a US shortfall before Christmas, when consumption soars, led to buying from other sources. But then it emerged that China and Argentina had good crops and that the US crop might not be as bad as expected.

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FUTURES AND OPTIONS

Biffex contract bites the dust

Next week sees the demise of one of the more innovative futures contracts to be launched in London in recent years.

Of the 48 market-makers now in existence, five marked the occasion of Britain's biggest-ever privatization - worth £5.6 billion - by returning to their old haunts in the Throgmorton Street building.

After all, Biffex's proponents pointed out, traders on the high seas could hedge their currency costs and the prices of the goods themselves, so why not the cost of transporting them?

Alas, such fine theory has not been seen to work well in practice. Although the dry cargo contract is finding its feet after a shaky start, interest in tanker futures has been limited, to say the least, with volume averaging just 30-40 contracts a day.

Biffex officials are certain where the blame lies and are annoyed that the oil and tanker industries have given virtually no support to the contract. They spoke of "staggering lack of response" from tanker operators, despite having done a "tremendous amount of market research" before launching the contract.

What really shocked Biffex was the response to a questionnaire sent out to 400 potential market-users before the decision to axe the contract was taken.

Of those bothering to reply, only about 30 showed any enthusiasm about continuing to trade in the futures. Wisely, Biffex decided to call it a day, mainly because it had to pay substantial sums every year, thought to be tens of thousands of pounds, to calculate the index from a basket of nine route rates.

Here was another problem which contributed to the index's downfall. Potential users had to hedge rates on one route against an average of nine, some of which could be subject to different forces of supply and demand.

According to shipbrokers, it also seems that the concept of tanker freight futures was not one that industry users could take on board easily, especially given the marked fluctuations that have hit the oil price and the various attempts by Opec to restore its grip.

The industry took a long time to adapt to oil-product futures (volume on the two new contracts on the International Petroleum Exchange is minimal) and appears still to be ill prepared for the more intricate concept of freight futures. As one broker pointed out, grain traders know fairly accurately how much wheat they will have to ship and when; for oil traders the equations are rather more complex.

Exchanges contemplating other contracts based on "artificial" indices also have to ask themselves some of the questions that Biffex failed to answer. Firstly, does the index provide the industry user with a worthwhile hedge against a tangible risk? The explosive growth of financial futures has accustomed most people to "undeliverable" contracts which are settled in cash, particularly in interest rates and stock indices. But the successful ones have all fulfilled a need for the professional user.

Outside the industry, an index futures contract should also have some appeal to speculators to provide extra liquidity. The tanker index quite clearly baffled those who had nothing to do with the shipping world and little interest was seen beyond the Baltic.

Richard Lander

20p gas shares premium gives boost to equities

By Carol Leonard

It was just like old times on the floor of the Stock Exchange yesterday with a handful of market-makers and dozens of traders celebrating first dealings in British Gas shares by returning, temporarily, to their old pitches.

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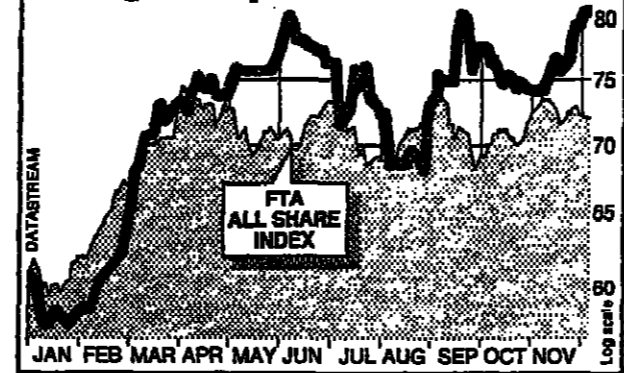
Growing confidence about the likely size of the premium on the partly-paid 50p shares gave a boost to the entire market on the day. The FTSE 100 index reached its highest level of the day one and a half hours before official dealings in British Gas began at 2.30 pm, climbing by 13 points to 1,626.5.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

Table with columns: High/Low, Company, Price, Offer, Bid, Change, Volume, etc. Lists various companies and their stock prices.

TIME PRODUCTS: looking for acquisitions



Meanwhile, Time Products plans to take advantage of its buoyant share price by making a significant acquisition in Britain. It is currently sitting on a £19 million cash "mountain" from its sale of the 107-strong Weir Jewellery shops chain to Combined English Stores in September.

Explaining the high share price, Mr Marcus Margulies, the chief executive and son of the company's founder, Mr Alexander Margulies, said: "Trading is extremely satisfactory and business in Hong Kong is also very good - which is the best reason there is for moving a share price higher. Our cash pile is sitting in the bank, earning us lots of interest, but we are at this moment looking to make an acquisition, probably in the field of distribution."

Sainsbury, the supermarket and food group, notched up a volume figure of 11 million and eased just a penny to 415p.

Meanwhile, the stores sector was active on thoughts of Christmas shopping. Woolworth recovered 10p to 655p, Storehouse 6p to 287p.

Analysts are bubbling over Johnson Matthey after last week's impressive interims. Clients of Kleinwort Greaveson, Messel and Credit Suisse Buckmaster & Moore have all received "buy" circulars. Messel is the most bullish, forecasting full-year pretax profits of £48.5 million. The shares, ex-dividend, fell 2p to 209p.

Barton and Dixon both gained 4p to 266p and 332p respectively and Austin Reed "A" rose by 16p to 194p.

Among all order companies, GUS "A" jumped 20p to 1020p, ahead of results later this week, while Freeman rose by 15p to 391p, on a bullish broker's circular.

Oils were also heavily traded with a variety of optimistic predictions circulating in the market ahead of Thursday's Opec meeting in Geneva. BP firmed 4p to 682p, with 2.4 million shares traded and Shell was up 8p to 954p.

IN THE MARKET

Tune on the spoons by Professor Doom

Gifts are still in highly volatile mode. New York bonds have boomed. It is the same story in Frankfurt, and to some extent in Tokyo.

Wynne Godley holds court at a fashionable market-makers' lunch club. Across the table he is confronted by an assemblage of Spoons, otherwise known as well-bred City chaps.

Wynne Godley, professor of applied economics at Cambridge, was deputy director of the Treasury's economic section well before some of the Spoons could read or write. He is locked in perennial combat with the British intellectual establishment. The Spoons look wary.

Godley develops a familiar thesis - the failure of the Thatcher Experiment. The rigour of exposition startles his audience, who are used to a different argot. The forecasts of doom are couched in quiet academic tones. The Spoons listen in rapt silence, warning to the dry clarity.

GDP and manufacturing output now falling well away from trend; fixed investment dropping; slow growth, if at all, in manufacturing productivity; a graph for the balance of trade in manufactures which looks like a toboggan slope; apocalyptic trends in imports and exports.

The coup de grace is worthy of a reasonable time: the current balance will be in deficit to the tune of £20 billion. The Spoons gasp, unused to such roughhouse stuff. But they stay with the speaker, displaying that intuitive grasp of complex economic problems so characteristic of the City.

Perversely, third quarter balance of payments figures, published last week, suggest that Wynne Godley might have understated the gravity of the problem. So far this year the deficit on visible trade is £6.1 billion - equal to the estimated surplus on invisibles. Enough balance after nine months' trading is in line with the Chancellor's full-year forecast.

But the detailed breakdown shows just what damage is taking place below the water-line. Between Q2 and Q3 this year the visible trade deficit doubled to £3 billion. This Q3 number is nearly £1 billion higher than the deficit for the whole of 1985 - and that was considered shocking.

account are hard to identify. But Q3 saw an identified capital outflow of £0.9 billion; the balancing item was again large, at £1.9 billion. At the least the UK looks to be going the way of the United States, which needs to encourage capital inflows to cover its deficits.

One of the easiest ways of generating a capital inflow is by pitching bond yields so high that the foreign investor is tempted to buy. But the London gilt market is a highly capricious place, as 27 gilt market-makers beaver away on two-tick spreads.

In an effort to get a grip on their new monster market, the authorities appear to resemble a child at the controls of Concorde. On Wednesday the authorities discovered how to lower the flaps - the market sank like a stone in mid-afternoon. On Thursday afternoon it soared and disappeared into the clouds like a flash of light.

Christopher Dunn

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

BTR bid no match for Pilkington's shine

Yesterday's impressive set of half-time profits from Pilkington can have given no comfort to BTR, the industrial conglomerate, which has stepped in with a £1.2 billion takeover bid at the classic moment - when its target's fortunes are strongly on the mend.

This approach relies heavily on timing. Leave it late, as BTR may have done this time, and the price of the target moves out of range. Pilkington's 76 per cent profit increase represents a solid improvement throughout the whole of the business.

Translated into the parlance of modern takeover battles, that indicates he has plenty of ammunition left for an impressive forecast at some later stage in the proceedings, if it proves necessary.

The crucial word is if, for apparently Sir Owen Green, BTR's formidable chief executive, has been

telling institutional shareholders across private lunch tables that he is not about to pay "a silly price" for Pilkington or anything else.

Yet on the basis of the present offer, BTR is doomed to failure. Analysts believe Pilkington is capable of making between £190 million and £200 million in the present year. This would come through at about 50p earnings per share and justify a price of 650p per share in a contested bid.

At present Pilkington's many City supporters can afford to dismiss BTR as obviously inadequate given the sharp improvement expected in the glassmaker's fortunes over the next few years. But if Sir Owen does come up with a credible bid, the Pilkington board will find itself in a difficult position.

It is relying heavily on the view that BTR would sacrifice long-term prospects for short-term profit and that BTR's ability to manage a commodity producer like Pilkington is in question. Telling that to pension fund managers who have gratefully backed Sir Owen and benefited present and future pensioners in the process, could bring a dusty response. Wednesday's defence document will need to be far more persuasive than that.

French way with a crisis

Just as the international financial community was coming to regard France as the most promising market for 1987, the echoes of 1968 have sent investors scurrying for the exits. Yesterday, as the Paris riots put the franc under pressure, the Bank of France was forced to raise short-term interest rates from 7.5 to 8.5 per cent.

The interest rate move, necessary to protect the franc's European Monetary System parity, confirmed, as Mrs Thatcher has reminded us, that the EMS is no soft option. But by dealing with the pressure at a very early stage, the French move looks set to succeed somewhat better than the cat-and-mouse game the British authorities have played with the markets.

Despite the riots, there is little likelihood of an EMS realignment this side of the West German elections next month. And, there is every reason to believe that earlier optimistic assessments of France will prove correct.

Chase Manhattan Securities, for example, expects a 20 per cent advance for the French equity market in 1987, on the back of balanced economic growth, continued low inflation and interest rate reductions. Wood Mackenzie says that, short-term interest rate worries notwithstanding, de-regulation, privatization and strong corporate profits growth will mean that over the next 12 months France will provide one of the highest

returns of all the major equity markets. The conventional view in the markets is that after the January elections in Germany, matters will move naturally towards an EMS realignment in the spring. There is something to be said for this.

German money supply figures, published yesterday, produced ever deeper blushes at the Bundesbank. The central bank money stock accelerated last month. Its growth rate of 7.9 per cent compared with a target range of 3.5 to 5.5 per cent. A missed monetary target is a serious matter for the Germans. In ten days, the Bundesbank has to set its 1987 targets and will be looking to restore some of its lost pride.

Even so, the Bundesbank is unlikely to endeavour to claw back some of this year's excess money growth. Base drift will be allowed, like so much water that has flowed under the bridge. Germany is experiencing a tug of war between growth, and particularly export growth, and monetary restraint. There may be more resistance to a mark revaluation next year.

In addition, Jacques Chirac is enough of a sound money man as to be reluctant to see French financial de-regulation accompanied by franc devaluation. The French authorities acted promptly yesterday in heading off a franc crisis in the EMS. They may do so again next year.

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PILKINGTON INTERIM RESULTS

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The Group has made a pre-tax profit for the half year of £86.6 million, a 76% increase compared with the equivalent half year to September 1985, which was £49.4 million.

Overseas profits are £66.7 million, up 82%. £12.7 million of this improvement results from the inclusion of Libbey-Owens-Ford as a subsidiary for the first time.

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The Board has declared an increased first interim dividend of 6.5p per share (1985 5.0p).

ANTONY PILKINGTON CHAIRMAN

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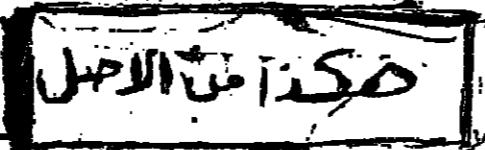
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# US threats start to escalate

The United States, alleging that Japan is selling cut-price microchips to compete against it in world markets, has threatened to retaliate by revoking an agreement that excuses Japanese chips from American import duties.

Last week the US repeated to Japanese officials a threat, made last month that it would revoke a July 31 agreement on the trade in conductors if Japan did not begin to adhere to it by the end of this month.

American officials say Japanese semi-conductor prices have risen in the US market and they realize it will take time to win new Japanese markets for US firms, but they see no sign of rising prices for Japanese microchips in other countries where these compete with US products.

In some lucrative Asian markets, they said, Japan had stepped up sales. US officials said there were several options if Japan did not conform.

They said they included duties on Japanese semi-conductor shipments and duties on shipments of other Japanese goods equal to the amount of business US firms were losing.

# When travel incentives begin to pall

Virtue may be its own reward, but the computer professional is as interested in perks as the next man. At certain levels there are not many obvious ones, apart from copious free supplies of green-and-white striped paper for the children to scribble on.

Foreign travel, however, is a distinct possibility. Staff who specialize in particular aspects of a company's data processing

## INCENTIVES

By David Guest

ing set-up, quickly make themselves very important to their employers.

They also become automatic candidates to attend meetings at which the hardware or programs they use are discussed by groups of like-minded individuals.

This can lead in some instances to foreign parts, as witnessed last week by the Focus users' association - Fuse - in Munich. Focus is a fourth generation language, an aid used to take on much of the programmer's donkey work.

This makes it a technician's tool, and the 250 delegates to Fuse Europe '86 were not

executives on an unofficial holiday. Some were even capable of exchanging private damp squibs in Focus-speak.

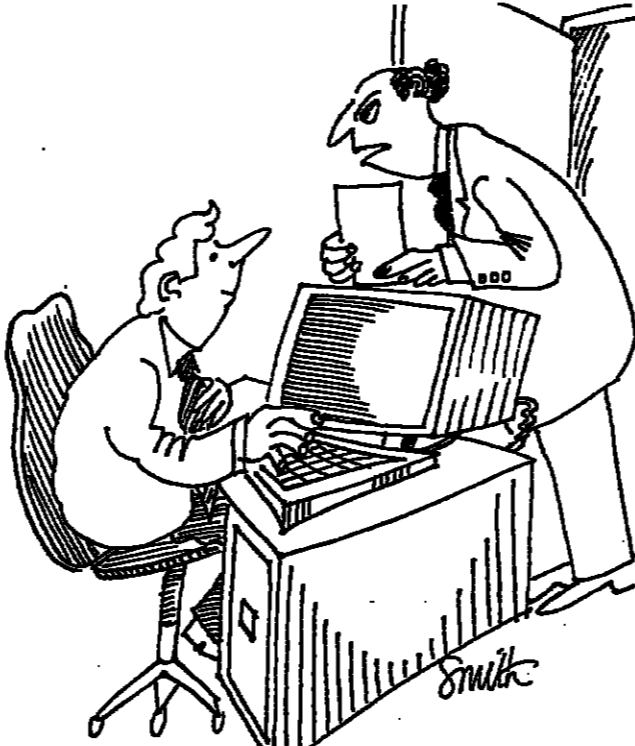
It cost their employers something approaching £1,000 per head to send them to Munich and sustain them there for the three days of the conference. Few saw it as a reward, a bribe or even a perk.

One Focus expert of an East Anglian insurance company declared he had been forced to attend. But from an employer's point of view, three days in a city of beer, if not skittles, must represent another credit on the balance sheet.

Key computer personnel have to be kept happy or the jobs cannot be done. They are sent away to some more caring employer's charge.

The glamour of an international conference is largely spurious; modern hotels are peculiarly staid, and the venue for the Fuse meeting was a £5 taxi ride from the centre of Munich. But its purpose was, after all, business above pleasure.

The invitation promised "an exciting and information-packed program that will be of benefit to all Focus users". Excitement takes different



"Did you really have to spend a week in the Seychelles learning how to change a plug?"

forms but the organizers made good their second promise with two and a half days of presentations and talks.

These ran in two parallel streams, divided roughly between Focus users talking about their experiences and

Information Builders (IBI), the supplier of Focus, talking about its products.

Fuse incidentally is independent of IBI, and IBI delegates paid their DM 1,200 registration fee like anybody else.

IBI used the occasion to talk about planned product enhancements. These, like the proposed link between Focus and Ashton-Tate's popular dBase programs, gave users the chance to respond and on the spot. Fuse for its part presented the supplier with a list of the improvements that the users wanted.

Not that the delegates were totally spoon-fed. Two streams of presentations required two rooms, and only one had simultaneous translations available - in English, French and German, leaving Italian and Scandinavian attendees to fend for themselves. This left speakers like Herr Kneupfel of Audi with a limited audience.

Most perks attract some kind of duty. Perhaps foreign travel is, after all, an ambiguous benefit - but it is still better than a diet of waste printout and half-used coding pencils.

# Predictions that point to prospects

## TRENDS

By Eddie Coates

If you want to stand the best chance of being in a growth area of computing in the 1990's then you will probably be either a chief analyst programmer or networking communications controller working in the financial and business sector.

This is one of the predictions made from an analysis of staff trends in the latest salary survey conducted by the National Computing Centre, which, for the first time also contains some specific guidelines to existing skills shortages.

Best growth prospects are likely to be in companies with at least 75 staff in a computer department, and are based in London or the south east. You may well work with both IBM and DEC equipment in a distributed processing environment with a high level of database usage.

Promotion prospects to data processing management, however, will not be abundant but may well be enhanced by a knowledge of the business area you work in.

Network specialists are likely to be outnumbered by at least four to one analyst programmers, and two and a half to one by systems analysts, but their numbers will be growing at a faster rate.

For those looking north of the border a switch from analyst programming or some other DP area some time around 1988 into networking, may be advisable as demand

quoted in a number of instances.

Some 98 vacancies specified ICL experience, but this is not thought to be surprising due to the generally high number of vacancies in the public sector which has three times as many vacancies as any other sector and a predominance of ICL computers.

Overall the greatest number of current vacancies are for analyst programmers, a trend which will continue with a forecast growth of 46 per cent over the next five years.

Network staff increased by 28 per cent in the last year and this job category is forecast to continue, growing by 41 per cent in the next two years and by 86 per cent by 1991.

Demand for systems programmers and technical support staff is also growing fairly quickly, increasing by 36 per cent over the next five years.

Systems analysis is another area that is expected to grow substantially by 1991, particularly in finance which will increase by 81 per cent. In this area in the south of England the number of systems analysts will almost double over the period.

There are considerable differences expected for the future depending on department size. In companies with departments of between 21

Job category	% left 1985	% joined 1985	% unfilled 1986	% growth 1985-86	% growth 1988-91
DP management	9.0	7.4	1.3	2.6	9.3
Systems analyst	17.1	13.3	13.0	2.8	30.3
Analyst programmer	19.1	20.1	13.3	4.4	46.0
Programmer	20.6	25.6	13.3	2.4	13.2
System programmer	13.6	15.9	9.5	12.2	36.3
Network staff	7.2	12.9	9.5	27.7	85.5
Operators	13.5	11.9	2.6	-1.9	-0.3
Data preparation	19.0	10.5	2.1	-9.0	-31.2

Source: National Computing Centre

for such skills is predicted to rise by 1,600 per cent by 1991.

Wherever high technology staff are based they will be wise to steer clear of any involvement with data preparation or computer operations - both seen as fast declining areas.

These pointers to the skills that computer staff should be getting their teeth into, were analyzed from the response to questions asking for details of skills likely to be needed over the next few years.

Of the 579 computer installations surveyed, current problems included 284 posts requiring experience of a computer language, that employers are finding difficult to fill.

Apart from languages, experience of a particular manufacturer's machine and operating system are most frequently quoted, with almost 400 unfilled vacancies.

Half of the current vacancies are for analyst programmers and programmers with experience of COBOL and RPG III.

Database experience - particularly in a number of database languages - is wanted for 82 vacancies with DMS, DLI and PLI being

and 75 computer staff the likelihood of employment for systems analysts, programmers and technical staff is at its highest.

In larger sized departments with over 75 staff, only analyst programmers and network staff show significant probabilities of substantial growth.

Data processing management growth for departments of over 75 people shows the greatest management potential, but this will be a slow 9.5 per cent in the next five years.

Only departments with 11 to 20 staff are expected to demand a higher (13 per cent) increase in data processing managers.

Prospects for staff growth in the various industries predict that finance and business will lead the way followed by manufacturing and engineering.

The one area it seems that computer staff should certainly avoid for the next few years is systems analysis or programming in the distribution and catering industries. The number of employees in those categories are expected to decrease by almost 15 per cent and 20 per cent.

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## COMPUTER BRIEFING

### Chess unites rivals

Arch-rivals IBM and DEC last week happily demonstrated how their products can work in tandem. They came together at the MAP - manufacturing automation protocol - exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, sponsored by the Department of Trade and Industry to encourage computer firms and suppliers to show how their differing equipment can be compatible. Unlike some more pragmatic firms which showed co-operation in factory-line assembly, the IBM-DEC exhibit was a jointly-operated robot playing chess. Not surprisingly, the pre-planned games always resulted in a face-saving draw.

Contract computer analysts cost their employers £800 to £900 a week according to the latest Computer Users' Year Book. Programmers push them close with £500 to £800 per week. Growth areas, says the directory, are the 100 listed public database services - a threefold increase this year - and training services with 700 extra courses described. With the standard of documentation in computing only slowly improving, the book also includes a new section on companies handling technical authorship. Published by VNU Business Publications, the directory costs £20.

The European Economic Community has approved a directive to protect semiconductor firms from unauthorized imitations. The 12 EEC member states must now adopt similar legislation on a national basis. The move follows a request from the United States whose laws applying to European products expire after November 1987.

France is now unlikely to sell its second-biggest telephone switching firm, the state-owned Cie Generale de Construction Telephonique (CGCT), to overseas buyers. The French government, which plans to privatize the loss-making concern, is likely to stick to a rule under the denationalization law which bans the sale of more than 20 per cent of a French company to foreign investors. The government has held up approval for AT&T to take over a draft accord signed by the American giant public telephone switching market. AT&T is now preparing new proposals in accordance with the ruling.

Anyone considering buying a Commodore Amiga computer in the run up to Christmas should be aware of a special scheme which reduces the price from £1,500 to £1,000. Dealers are willing to give the discount to anybody. Even still saving £300. The Commodore Amiga has been praised for its advanced technical features but is stuck with being too expensive for most as a home computer, and not ideal as a general business computer compared with competitors. Further price cuts are expected next year.

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Planning for a good tomorrow

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Beryl Dixon considers the implications of a career in this field

philosophy of the chief planning officer decides the approach to the work.

One of the first things Roger Brown did on his appointment 13 years ago was to get rid of the drawing office as such.

It has always been possible to study for Royal Institute of Town Planning exams part time.

It is the politicians not the planner who takes decisions

About 60 per cent of planners work in central and local government, most for the County and District Councils and Regional Councils (Scotland), giving advice to elected members.

Others work for the nationalized industries and tourist boards, while a small but increasing number are in private practice, usually working on a consultancy basis for large construction companies.

The work of a planner varies considerably according to where he or she is based.

The three tiers of Department of the Environment, county councils and district councils have different responsibilities in different sized planning departments.

Each district has its own priorities - in Winchester there is strong opposition to further commercial development and little enthusiasm for new housing.

Further information is available from The Royal Town Planning Institute, 26 Portland Place, London WIN 4BE.

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World Championships: Drivers' provisional final positions: 1, M Alen (Fin), 112 pts; 2, J Kankkunen (Fin), 108 pts; 3, M Besson (Fr), 98.5 pts; 4, M Besson (Fr), 98.5 pts; 5, B Weiler (Ger), 92.5 pts; 6, M Besson (Fr), 92.5 pts; 7, B Saby (Fr), 88 pts; 8, M Besson (Fr), 88 pts; 9, M Besson (Fr), 88 pts; 10, M Besson (Fr), 88 pts; 11, M Besson (Fr), 88 pts; 12, M Besson (Fr), 88 pts; 13, M Besson (Fr), 88 pts; 14, M Besson (Fr), 88 pts; 15, M Besson (Fr), 88 pts.

Bentza victory
A record 15,000 spectators
turned out at Brands Hatch on
Sunday to watch Andy Bentza,
of Austria, in his Audi Quattro,
take victory in the fifth
Motoquip British Rallycross
Grand Prix.

Bentza, the only Austrian in the top 10, drove a snappy and consistent race to edge out Seppo Mitymaki, of Finland, and last year's winner, John Welch, of Britain.

The downhill slope eases for Bell

Martin Bell is close to world recognition in skiing, a sport in which Britons are unfashionable. Chief Sports Correspondent David Miller met him at Val d'Isere, and tomorrow, profiles Jeremy West, a canoeist who, like Bell, is promising much on a shoestring budget.

As they climbed into the cable car to go up to the start of Saturday's Super-G race at Val d'Isere, Wirsberger, of Austria, congratulated Martin Bell on his sixth place in the World Cup Downhill the day before...

For the first time he has mastered his fear of heights. He is not quite sure how the Alpine traditional elite are reacting to it. In recent months, having earned some modest sponsorship through his fifth and sixth places at Are and Morzine in last year's downhill series...

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Breaking the mould: Martin Bell, who has emerged as Britain's best hope for World Championship and Olympic honours for some years.

year, for the first time in his career, Bell came to the start of the European season with a mastery of the fear from which no competitor is ever free.

"The fear is always there, but this year it was a lot less," he says. "It's a matter of feeling secure at speed. Wirsberger has been at it 12 years, yet he says that every time he sees the Mausefall drop at Kitzbuehel, he shakes."

Throughout the years on the circuit, Bell, his brother Graham — now recovering from a serious knee operation — Nigel Smith and Ron Duncan have been partially paying their own way. Now Martin Bell has some income, the British Ski Federation have opened a separate account in his name prior to setting up a trust fund.

though he did not talk about it over the weekend at the informally British-run, club-style Hotel Moris here — is to win next Saturday's race at Val Gardena, his favourite course, in the Italian Tyrol. Having finished less than a second behind Zurbriggen, the winner here, he knows that he is within range of an achievement that would be unique in British skiing.

"The difference in him this year is that he seems a happier person," Alistair Scobie, the British team manager, says. "With the sponsorship Martin's now getting, he is less hard-pressed financially, and that has made him more relaxed to be with."

It is ironic that just at the time crashed last year, and his long lay-off has got back his confidence. It is here with the squad, training. Two years ago, it was Graham making the news when he was second in the World Junior Championships. When Martin complains of demands on his time, Graham gently reminds him that one bad season will give him all the free time he needs!

AMERICAN FOOTBALL
Indianapolis Colts
leave their
Marx on Falcons

In recent years, the Indianapolis Colts have turned in about as many memorable performances as Zeppo Marx but Eugene Daniels returned a blocked punt 13 yards for a touchdown 20 seconds from time on Sunday to account for the Colts' first victory of the season, a 28-23 decision against the charged Atlanta Falcons.

The Colts, dubbed the "Dolls" by their long-suffering — and evidently exasperated — supporters, were playing their first game for the new coach, Ron Meyer. Meyer might proudly reflect on the wages of greed at this stage of the season: too many would be both a chance of success in the "Vinny Bowl."

Communication is still a problem within the Federation, Bell says. "One of the helpers is now going to have to switch to the women's team, even though they would prefer to remain with us." Timing the different sections on the slope, a thankless task of sitting in the snow and freezing shade for several hours taking split-second times, is so important in judging whether your technique on a particular turn, or your skis on a straight, are making you slower, Bell says.

He needs to know his "straight line" ski speed, and all this comes down to having the back-up people, even though he is now ranked fifth in the supply of individual skis by Fischer of Austria, one of his sponsors.

It is a measure of Bell's improvement, and expectation, that he can be considering how to achieve the best preparation for the Olympics. For the World Championship, in Crans Montana, he knows he must continue improving. "Val d'Isere won't matter if I have a bad time at Kitzbuehel the week before," he says.

According to the holy writ of the National Football League, the team who finish last will be the first to make a selection in the draft of eligible college players in April. The Colts are among the many teams who covet the abundant skills of Vinny Testaverde, of the University of Miami, who at the weekend became the 22nd recipient of the Heisman Trophy, awarded annually to the finest college player.

During the game at Anaheim, California, threats were made by telephone against the life of Tom Landry, the Dallas Cowboys coach. Landry, whose team is on the verge of missing the playoffs for only the third time since 1966, briefly left the pitch in the fourth quarter and returned wearing a bullet-proof vest.

Officials made sure that Landry was safe and there were no untoward incidents. LeRoy Irvin returned an interception 50 yards for a touchdown as the Los Angeles Rams beat the Cowboys 27-10. Meanwhile, the splendid running back, Herschel Walker, of the Cowboys, said that this season might be his last in football. Walker, aged 24, the 1982 Heisman Trophy winner from the University of Georgia and a leading member of the defunct US Football League, signed a \$5 million contract for five years with the Cowboys in August. "When I get bored with something, it's time to move on," he said.

Does not include last night's game between the Los Angeles Rams and the Los Angeles Raiders. \* All times in Pacific Standard Time. \* All times in Pacific Standard Time.

On a rainy afternoon in the Windy City, Doug Flutie, the winner of the Heisman Trophy in 1984, ran for one touchdown and passed for another to lead the Chicago Bears past the hapless Tampa Bay Buccaneers 26-14. Flutie alternated at quarterback with Mike Tomczak. The San Francisco 49ers won 24-10 as the New York Jets absorbed their third consecutive defeat after compiling nine successive wins.

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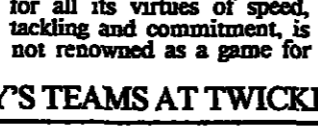
McDonald blow unlikely to knock Oxford out of their winning stride

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

If Oxford University, exuding character and determination, could overturn well-founded Cambridge hopes this time last year, how much more likely are they to emerge winners of the Bowring Bowl in today's 105th University match at Twickenham?

Their results against the senior clubs have indicated not a lack of skill so much as the self-evident ones of experience and sheer physique. They have been able to field a relatively settled side all term and arrive at Twickenham with nine of last year's team, who won an enthralling match 7-6, after a week of finishing school provided by Alan Jones, the Australian coach.

The open spaces unless some kind of winning margin has been established during the first hour or unless some blessed eccentric, like Rob Andrew has the vision to use the opening quarter as a time for scoring rather than settling as he did in 1984 when Cambridge scored 18 points in almost as many minutes.



TODAY'S TEAMS AT TWICKENHAM

Table listing players for Oxford University and Cambridge University, including positions like Full Back, Right wing, Right centre, Left centre, Left wing, Stand off, Scrum half, Prop, Hooker, Flanker, Lock, and No 8.

REPLACEMENTS: 16 D Cook (Leatherhead and Christchurch); 17 S Dinnen (Aylesbury GS and Kettle); 18 S Taylor (Whitgift and University); 19 N Peacock (Nunthorpe & SEI); 20 S M Pritchard (Wellington College & SEI); 21 D Thresher (Sevensnoaks & Worcester)



Robert Ryden (Oxford) and Cambridge counterpart Kelvin Wyles, with vital parts to play

The men in the shadows ready to prove their worth

By David Hands

Both universities are able to field internationals at centre but the men playing alongside Brendan Mullin and Francis Clough have both developed skills which have proved of lasting value to their teams.

Robert Anthony Ryden, whose fresh-faced good looks would claim the hearts of the trees, is unusual in that he has played for the Combined England Students already, yet has no first-class club experience outside Oxford.

Wyles' versatility can be a curse. Playing for Oxford together over the last 18 months has boosted the reputation of Ryden, John Riesen and Ashley Johnson, all of whom have won representative student honours.

Message for schools

By way of an appetitive prelude to the University match, the Rugby Football Union are holding a conference, Rugby in the 1990s, at Twickenham this morning (David Hands writes).

Injuries delay South-West team for Bath

The South-West selectors hope to confirm today their team to play London at Bath on Saturday in the second round of the Thom Edul divisional championship.

ICE HOCKEY Racers and Rockets go joint top

Andy Innell will go into the Prudential National Cup final for Polywell Kingston against Portsmouth on Monday, looking for a record that he may find hard to live up to for the rest of his career.

BASKETBALL Innell's record shot a bonus for Kingston

A shot propelled almost the entire length of Kingston's court at Tolworth on Sunday, scored later as 72 feet, gave the 25-year-old England international guard the distinction of sinking the longest shot in British basketball history.

VOLLEYBALL New event not well received

The English Volleyball Association are taking steps to stage the first official Home Countries International tournament in the spring, but the moves have not been welcomed north of the border.

SHOW JUMPING Olympia success vital for British riders

If British riders are to make any impact on the European League for the Volvo World Cup, they cannot afford a repeat of Sunday's results at the Bordeaux qualifier where John Whitaker and Milton were the only ones to reach the top 10.

Discretion dictates a hopeful look towards the future

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The postman has delivered two packages that, as usual, presage the end of the tennis year. One, fresh from Paris, was the 1986 edition of La Saison de Tennis (Haber, 140 francs), a beautifully illustrated hard-back. This is always the first, and brightest, of the annuals.

Virginia Wade and John Lloyd retired from serious international competition and there are no successors of comparable quality. Lloyd was the only British man to win more than one singles match in any of the last four grand slam tournaments.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Draw will favour Wigan win

HOCKEY Barcelona beckons Thompson

Robert Thompson, the London University centre forward, has been brought into the Great Britain junior squad of 24 which has been called for training at Crystal Palace from Friday to Sunday.

ATHLETICS

Mamede steps into Cardiff cross-country

Alberto Cova, the Olympic 10,000 metres champion, has withdrawn injured from this year's International Athletics Club cross-country race in Cardiff on December 20.

RESULTS: Manchester League premier division: Ayr Bruins 5, Durham Wasps 4; 2nd: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Ballyregan Bob goes for his 32nd successive victory

The dog that defies belief

By Simon Barnes

Ballyregan Bob is a beautiful animal, beautiful as any racehorse even if his sport is a little down-market. He wears the stripes of a tiger in amber and black, a white tip to his tail, and ears pinned high at everything that catches his attention. He is on the verge of becoming the greatest greyhound ever to chase a lure.

The dog was entered in the Derby and his owner had a decent bet on him. The Greyhound Derby is, naturally, the year's top event, and Bob seemed to have a good chance. But Curtis made a decision to pull him out. He had been getting into trouble with crowding when he raced over the four-beat Derby distance and collecting injuries. He was not quite fast enough to keep clear of bumps and knockbacks in such a class.

"A lot of people thought I was mad at the time," Curtis said. But that was the start of Ballyregan Bob's great sequence. He can run six beats at four-beat pace and he can race with class. He will clear the pack on the second beat and then many start guessing how much he'll win by. He holds a ridiculous 16 track records at the moment. But for Curtis's understanding of his ability, he would have been a beaten, perhaps a seriously injured dog that once had a crack at the Derby.

Julia Barnes of the Greyhound Star, the sport's top publication, said: "The thing about George is that he is never greedy. If he doesn't think the dog is ready, he won't take a chance. He'll wait. He really does put the dog first. That is why Ballyregan is not just a good dog, but a great one."



One man and his dog: the winning combination of Ballyregan Bob and his trainer George Curtis

YACHTING

White Crusader stays in fifth place

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

White Crusader gained a comfortable win over Canada II yesterday in the final of the 1986-87 season. The White Crusader finished in fifth place in the points table. USA is in the same position after her dramatic win over Dennis Conner in Stars and Stripes.

White Crusader led by 15 knots at the start of the race. The White Crusader was able to increase their lead by one minute. There was a major wind shift but, according to navigator, Phil Crebbin, it was not the reason for Crusader's trebling her lead.

White Crusader needs to beat both America II and one of New Zealand or Dennis Conner to finish in the final four at the end of the round-robin.

DEFENDER SERIES STANDINGS table with columns for team name, points, and various race results.

CRICKET: TOUR MANAGER TAKES TOUGH LINE WITH ENGLAND'S CAPTAIN - WITHOUT LORD'S HELP

Opener leads Sri Lanka run spree

Gwalior, India. (Reuter) - Sri Lanka's opening batsman Sidath Wettimuny made an undefeated 227 as Sri Lanka continued to score freely in the opening match of their tour of India against a Cricket Board President's XI yesterday.

The touring side declared at 504 for four at tea after the top batsman had taken advantage of a weak attack. The Indian side will receive the third and final day at 80 for one.

Wettimuny, continuing from his overnight score of 113, reached the first double century of his career after lunch. He hit 34 boundaries.

Table with columns for player name, runs, and other statistics for the Sri Lanka vs India match.

Getting apologizes, but long lie-in still brings a severe reprimand from Lush

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Melbourne



Lush: not pleased

The manager of the England team, Peter Lee, last night felt obliged to issue an unprecedented statement, in which he said that the captain, Mike Gatting, had been "severely reprimanded" for having overslept, thus missing the start of the match against Victoria last Saturday morning.

With the tour entering its most crucial phase - there are two Test matches to be decided between now and the New Year - this is a setback, brought about by a foolish mistake by Gatting, which he will always regret, and also, I am afraid, by one or two isolated attempts to crucify him.

TENNIS

Class gulf is too much for Swedes

From Richard Evans New York

The narrow but significant gulf that exists between Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker and the players ranked immediately below them was glaringly apparent in the semi-finals of the Nabisco Masters at Madison Square Garden.

Neither Swede played badly and, during the course of stiff examinations in the round robin stage of the tournament, both had proved themselves worthy semi-finalists.

Table showing tennis match results and scores for various tournaments.

Rebels bowled out

Johnsborough, Reuter - The rebel Australian cricketers were dismissed for 149 in their limited-overs match against South Africa yesterday.

Lendl, whose form has been far better than he himself had expected after several weeks off with a troublesome injury, knows that he will have to produce a very special trick or two if he is to stop Becker extending his winning sequence against him to 4-1 for the year.

RUGBY UNION

Ulster discuss Zimbabwe tour invitation

By George Ace

The Ulster branch of the Irish Rugby Football Union will discuss tonight whether to accept a two-week tour of Zimbabwe in late July or early August next year.

If undertaken, four provincial matches, and one against the national side, will be played.

It would provide tremendous experience for some of our up-and-coming players and, of course, give the new coach, who has yet to be selected, an early opportunity of working with the players.

Kiev crown a fine year

By Simon O'Hagan

Dynamo Kiev's remarkable year ended in a similar dramatic style on Sunday when they retained their Russian championship with a 2-1 win over their closest challengers, Dynamo Moscow, in front of a crowd of 100,000.

Having had their games suspended while the team was in Mexico, Kiev were forced to catch up on a huge backlog of fixtures.

FOR THE RECORD

A collection of small sports news items and results under the heading 'FOR THE RECORD'.

POOL FORECAST

A table providing forecasts for pool events, listing dates, times, and participating teams.

RESULTS AND LEADING POSITIONS

A table listing results and leading positions for various sports events.



